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 News worth sharing.

Ford boasts of support for cuts

► 'Nine out of every 10 people I meet' back trimming fat, mayor says, as council debate gets underway at city hall



RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

► Mayor Rob Ford attends the meeting reviewing core services at city hall yesterday. Belt-tightening measures brought on by the mayor were being debated.

After a summer of talking about service cuts, city council is finally set to decide on a course of action. A special meeting of council dealing with the core-service review began yesterday morning.

The most controversial proposals — slashing windrow clearing, subsidized daycare spaces, community grants and late-night TTC buses — were canned at the executive committee level, but it was still a full day of heated debate.

Mayor Rob Ford opened with a token Fordian speech: City hall has a spending problem, councillors must act to solve Toronto's financial crisis, and this is what people asked for when they elected him.

"Taxpayers of this city — overwhelming, wherever I go, as of yesterday, as of last night (and on) Saturday — they have told me, I'm talking 90 per cent ... 'Rob, stay the course.'"

Here are some of the other highlights of the meeting:

News of the day:

Coun. Paula Fletcher said she plans to put a motion on the floor of council, asking the province to change the laws and allow Toronto to de-amalgamate. She didn't say when she'll make her move, though.

Ford said he loves Etobicoke and he wouldn't be opposed to the idea, provided there is no financial consequence.

The dancing deficit:

Opposition councillors argued they were being asked to endorse cuts without having all the financial information needed to do so.

Staff have been secretive about the exact sums associated with each proposed cut. As well, the mayor and city staff have continued to say that Toronto faces a \$774-million deficit.

Last week, city manager Joe Pen-nachetti put the number closer to \$500 million. Then, yesterday, he seemed to backtrack, stating the number is still \$774 million. This dancing bottom line had many councillors suspicious.

Too many on the payroll:

In a comment that will no doubt reignite layoff fears, the mayor said, unprompted, that he believes there are 7,000 too many employees working for the City of Toronto.

About 700 will be granted voluntary severance packages. Earlier this year, the Toronto Star learned the administration was hoping to reduce the workforce by at least 3,000. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

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Uproar over union's multi-million dollar buyout



► Construction worker Frank Martins

A major construction industry local faces a membership uproar over the mass firing and multi-million dollar buyout of staff employees that will effectively push out another union.

Members of the Labourers' International Union of North America Local 183 say leaders should have consulted them and then called a vote rather than unilaterally paying about 80 employees, who belong to a separate staff union, between \$10 million and \$12.5 million.

"It's humiliating, embarrassing and unethical that our local would fire all these people for political reasons; spend millions in membership dues to buy them out and then get rid of another union," construction worker Frank Martins said at a downtown condo site yesterday.

"Employers could never get away with this treatment."

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► Coun. Adam Vaughan greets TCHC tenants at a meeting earlier this year. He would prefer to see funds from any land sale allocated to build affordable housing elsewhere in his ward.

TCHC scraps affordable housing project plans

► There's no cash to build a 322-unit tower in the Railway Lands that was to include schools, a daycare and community centre

The city's housing company has given up plans to build a 322-unit affordable housing building in the Railway Lands condominium development west of the Rogers Centre.

The large 1.2-hectare site sits beside Canoe Landing Park, the park with the big red canoe that serves residents of nearby condo towers built by developer Concord Adex.

It was to be home to a 43-storey affordable housing building, but — citing

a lack of funding — the Toronto Community Housing Corp. has turned back the site to the city, and the city is now pondering what to do.

Local Coun. Adam Vaughan would prefer to see funds from any land sale allocated to build affordable housing elsewhere in his ward.

Two schools, a community centre and daycare are also to be built on the site, now a hole in the ground, and construction must be-

gin to utilize \$38.5 million already raised from development charges to build the facilities, Vaughan said.

"We don't have sufficient provincial or federal funding to build public housing on site. We're going to sell to a private developer," he said. "I would rather put the money from that back into public housing somewhere else, but my guess is they'll use it to balance the budget."

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Councillor's take

► A member of council's affordable housing committee said he fears Mayor Rob Ford's administration wants to sell the site to shore up the city's finances.

► "They want to monetize it; you can smell that a mile away," said Coun. Joe Mihevc, a left-winger who would oppose such an outcome.

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SCHOOL RULES

Fewer students kicked out last year: Board

The number of expulsions and suspensions from Toronto public schools decreased from the previous year, the Toronto District School Board reports.

In total, 35 students were expelled, a 40.7 per cent drop from 59 students a year ago, the board says.

Violations included robbery (11), sexual assault (1), trafficking in weapons or illegal drugs (2), using a weapon to cause bodily harm (5), possession of a weapon (4) and assault (6).

The number of suspensions dropped by 7.1 per cent from 9,635 involving 6,655 students to just over 9,028 involving 6,184 students over the same period.

Incidents included bullying (440 cases), uttering a threat (294), possession of alcohol or illegal drugs (223), being under the influence of alcohol (137), swearing (784) and vandalism (38).

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TV lands on toddler

A 20-month-old Oshawa child is recovering at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children after a heavy television accidentally fell on him Sunday.

Durham Region police say the 22-kilogram TV was on a small stand with wheels and was tipped over after an adult left the room to get the child a glass of water. The boy is being treated for head injuries.

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Beloved swim coach lauded

► Late mentor to seniors, young people could not swim himself

A swimming coach who could not swim himself drew hundreds of mourners to his funeral on Saturday, many of whom recalled his talent for helping children and seniors develop their abilities in the water.

Former members of the Crescent Town Swim Club came from as far away as British Columbia and Quebec to pay their respects to Obdulio Mineque, fondly known as "Chico," at Our Lady of Fatima church in Scarborough.

Mineque was a volunteer at the club for 24 years.

"He was a lot like a life mentor. Whenever I had problems with anything with regards to swimming or anything else, Chico was always there to help," said Stevan Kalaba, a U of T student who gave a eulogy

"People viewed him as their family. Some kids from Crescent Town really attached to my father as a male model figure in their lives."

CHE MINEQUE,
OBDULIO MINEQUE'S SON

and is preparing for qualifying trials for next year's Summer Olympics.

Mineque's son, Che, laughed about his father's inability to swim. "He could teach anyone how to swim, and he couldn't do it himself," Che said.

Mineque, 60, studied architecture in the Philippines before moving to Toronto. He died on Sept. 19 while returning home from swim practice.



► Obdulio Mineque plays his guitar in this photo from his Facebook page.

The family is accepting donations to the Chico Mineque Memorial Fund at the Crescent Town

Swim Club, 2A The Market Place, Toronto, Ontario M4C 5M1.

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Name change sparks confusion at ballot time

Every time an election rolls around, Edward Scholar gets two voter registration cards in the mail.

It's a problem that has plagued the 55-year-old since he legally changed his name from Ahmad Daneshvar eight years ago.

And the current provincial election is no different. Scholar received two Elections Ontario cards on Monday. One says "Edward Scholar," and the other, which he wants eliminated,

says "Ahmad Scholar" — a combination of his current and former names.

Scholar, who has voted on occasion since becoming a Canadian citizen more than 15 years ago, says he has made repeated requests to election officials at the federal, provincial and municipal level to correct his name on their voters' lists.

"Each election time, I have ... showed them my identification and the change of my name paper.

► As he does every election, Edward Scholar got two voter registration cards this year.



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Every time, they told me, 'We are going to fix it.'"

Scholar called the office again a few days ago, but says he kept getting transferred.

The returning officer for Scarborough-Guildwood, Scholar's riding, contacted Scholar on Friday, Scholar said, and told him to go to 1200 Markham Rd. There, Scholar met with Darryl D'Sousa, showed his name-change document and signed a form stating that

"Ahmad Scholar is not living at my address." He also showed his two voter cards, and submitted the incorrect one to the office.

On the same day, Scholar voted in an advance poll under his real name.

Fed up, Scholar says he doesn't understand why it's so difficult to correct the problem: "I just feel super confusion because I am the same person. I just decided to change my name."

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Skate park a go after cash landing

► Money raised means facility to be built next spring will have better equipment ► Location to be decided

The boys of Hampton can't get over their good fortune.

"It's unbelievable what's happened," says Shane Blakely, 12.

"I was pretty amazed," adds Ben Jeffs, also 12. "That's a lot of money."

It's \$36,000 — the amount Ben, Shane and another friend, Monty Wheller have raised to build a much-needed skate park for kids in their rural neighbourhood just north of Bowmanville.

A few months ago, they had their sights set on \$25,000 for a safe place to ride bicycles, skateboards and scooters. Hydro One kicked things off with a \$15,000 PowerPlay grant, and a family fun day and bottle drive added \$1,300. Then a \$20,000 donation from local businesses put them way over the top.

Winning praise

► The boys, who had resorted to makeshift riding ramps in Shane's driveway, won praise from Clarington politicians, police and parents for initiating the skate park plan.

Derek Baird, owner of MinCom Millennium Realty Inc. Brokerage, explained he called contacts at Halminen Homes and Gay Company Ltd. and "I had a cheque within 24 hours."

Reading about the ambitious project in a newspaper "spurred me on," said Baird, who's done business in the area for decades. "It helped me realize, 'Hey, they're going to do it.' I applaud their entrepreneurship."

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► Friends, from left, Ben Jeffs, Monty Wheller and Shane Blakely have raised \$36,000 for a safe place to ride bicycles, skateboards and scooters.

Crematorium brings out culture clash in Malton

In the Malton neighbourhood, diversity is a force that often unites the community. But controversy over a proposed crematorium now threatens the cultural balancing act its residents live out every day.

Two years ago, Benisasia funeral home filed a rezoning application with the city to accommodate the desires of its particular clientele.

"Ninety-eight per cent of our clients are South Asian," says spokesperson

Jyoti Johal. "There's a huge need for cremation."

But Johal says the centuries-old last rites traditions of her Hindu and Sikh clients can't be carried out on the premises without a crematorium. The nearest one, in a Catholic facility, does not allow the various religious ceremonies required.

But neighbours of the proposed crematorium site on Derry Road, next to the existing funeral home — a Legion hall in a previous life



► Rick Benisasia, founder of Benisasia funeral homes, poses yesterday with the director Jyoti Johal, outside the establishment.

— fear dangerous toxins will be released in an area with air that's already polluted by heavy vehicle and air traffic.

"It's in my backyard, really," says Charles Barclay, who lives on Justine Drive. "My aunt, who's 96, she lives with us. She's lived in Malton all her life. Our main concern is the emission into the atmosphere. The toxic material contains carcinogens, particulate matter."

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'Our values'

► Dozens of residents turned up at a planning committee meeting in Mississauga City Hall earlier this month to protest the crematorium plan.

► "They don't understand our values," says Gurmail Singh, director of the South Asian Seniors Association in Malton, saying that opposition is due to "cultural reasons."

Rash-inducing parsnip invades Humber trail

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For those who like to go off the beaten path, beware — the Wild Parsnip could get you, and your pet dog, too.

Signs were recently posted on the city's west-end Humber River trail warning users of the dangers of coming into contact with Wild Parsnip (an invasive, non-native species) and its native

cousin, the Cow Parsnip, both of which are found all over Ontario and which can grow up to 1.2 metres in height.

The problem is that the juice of this member of the carrot family — from its sawtoothed leaves, yellow or white flowers, or stem — contains chemicals that get absorbed by the skin.

When affected skin is hit by the sun's ultraviolet rays, it causes a breakdown of tissue and creates a burning feeling that can last for a day or so.

The exposed skin can turn red and blister, sometimes leaving scars and discolouration that can last for years.

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► Wild Parsnip

Man, granddaughter hit on walk to school

A man has died in hospital after he and his granddaughter were hit by a vehicle in Mississauga.

Peel regional police say the two were struck yesterday morning at Ceremonial Drive and Fairwind Drive, in the Eglinton Av-

enue and Hurontario Street area, while the man was walking the girl to school.

Police say the man was taken to a local hospital before being airlifted to a trauma centre in Toronto, where he later died.

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Drake set for SNL

► **Rapper to perform on sketch-comedy series Oct. 15**

Toronto rapper Drake will provide yet more headlines in the leadup to the release of his sophomore album with a performance on "Saturday Night Live."

The six-time Grammy nominee has been confirmed as the musical guest for the Oct. 15 instalment of the long-running sketch-comedy series.

"What's Your Number" star Anna Faris will host the

show.

Drake's "SNL" bow will come nine days before the scheduled release of his second album, "Take Care."

First single "Headlines" reached No. 13 on the U.S. Billboard singles chart and also made the top 40 in Canada.

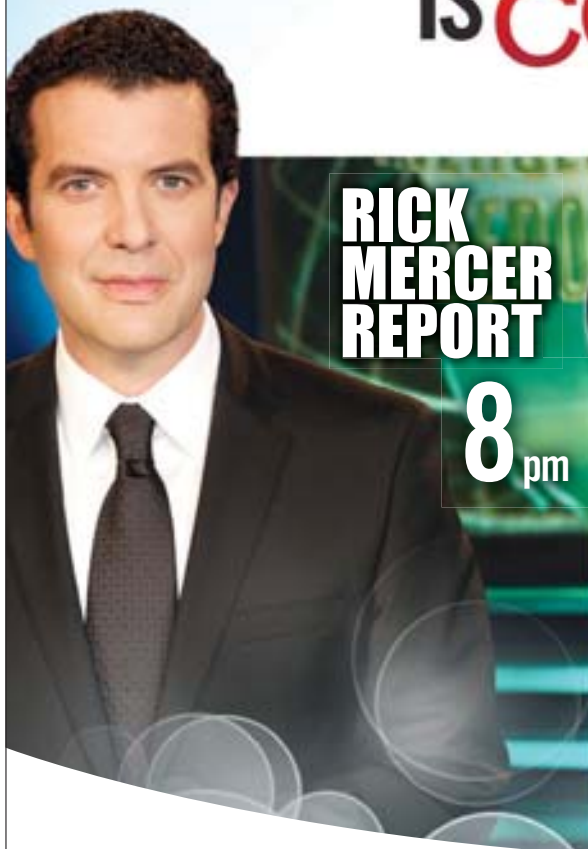
His first album, "Thank Me Later," debuted in the top spot on the chart in Canada and the U.S. en

route to platinum sales in both countries.

NBC also announced yesterday that Ben Stiller would host "SNL" for a second time on Oct. 8, along with musical guest Foster the People.

Recent Emmy winner Melissa McCarthy will head up this Saturday's show, joined by country crossover hit-makers Lady Antebellum. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

TUESDAY IS COMEDY NIGHT



Campaigns hit lull before debate

- Today's leadership debate will be a first for Horwath and Hudak
- McGuinty's been through it before



It was a quiet day on the campaign trail yesterday for two of the party leaders ahead of today's debate.

Premier Dalton McGuinty had only one event, a speech at the Women's Leadership Lunch at the Royal York in Toronto.

Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak met commuters early at the Mississauga GO Station, then headed to Conestoga College in Waterloo before visiting an auto collision centre in Toronto in the late afternoon.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath did not appear to have any public appearances scheduled.

With polls suggesting a tight race between the Liberals and Conservatives, the leadership debate could be the tipping point in the Ontario election.

Starts at 6:30 p.m.

The debate will be held in CBC's Toronto studios and broadcast across Ontario's five major TV networks.

- Each of the six rounds will feature a head-to-head debate between two party leaders. Liberal Leader Dalton McGuinty, Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak and NDP Leader Andrea Horwath will participate.
- Steve Paikin, host of the TVO current affairs program The Agenda, will moderate.
- Excluded is Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner, whose party does not hold any seats in the Legislature.

With less than two weeks to go, the polls are suggesting a minority government is a possibility so there may be extra pressure on Horwath.

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► Premier Dalton McGuinty had only one event yesterday.



► Ontario NDP Leader Andrea Horwath did not have public appearances scheduled yesterday.

Red and blue clash at Mississauga station

Commuters at a GO Transit station in Mississauga were met with a little political potpourri yesterday morning.

Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak was set to greet the early morning rush but arrived to find Liberal incumbent Bob Delaney and his volunteer team already in place at the same station.

Hudak was met with chants of "Dalton! Dal-

ton!" — a show of support for Liberal Premier Dalton McGuinty — from Delaney's crew as he got off his PC campaign bus.

He was then trailed by a small group hoisting red Liberal signs throughout his time at the station.

At one point Hudak asked his blue T-shirt-toting supporters if it was time for change in Ontario to which one Liberal supporter yelled: "Choose



► Ontario PC Leader Tim Hudak campaigns at a Mississauga GO station as Liberal candidate Bob Delaney supporters try to derail him.

Outta my way!

- At one point Tim Hudak joked to commuters entering the station that they had to "walk the gauntlet," referring to the cluster of media and volunteers from

both parties that were crowded around the entrance.

- "Don't worry, you'll get through safely," he chirped as commuters weaved their way through.

no change!"

The scene turned into a mix of blue Tory and red Liberal signs and literature competing for atten-

tion from potential voters, many of whom rushed past the political crews to catch their trains. THE CANADIAN PRESS

McGuinty mum on plant closure cost

Premier Dalton McGuinty won't say how much it will cost to scrap a gas-fired plant that is quickly becoming a hot-button election issue.

Taking questions about the decision yesterday, McGuinty wouldn't even

offer a ballpark estimate of the cost, saying it is "the subject of continuing conversation."

The Liberals quietly pledged this weekend to cancel construction of the 280-megawatt natural gas-powered facility in Missis-

sauga. Apparently construction has started and is still ongoing, reports say.

The local community has opposed the project since it was announced six years ago.

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Construction continues at the power plant.



Windsor university talks may pave way for strike

The union representing faculty at the University of Windsor has filed for a "no board" report, which would pave the way for a strike.

It follows three days of talks with a conciliator last

week between the school and its faculty association. The 990 faculty, librarians and sessional instructors would be able to strike 17 days after the report's issue.

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Facebook denies tracking users

► Bloggers voice concerns about social media site's ability to track usage ► Say logging out is not enough

Facebook has denied accusations by bloggers and Internet privacy advocates that say the site is tracking the web surfing behaviour of its users even when they are signed out of the social networking site.

According to reports, a "feature" of the site allows applications to post details of your online life directly to Timelines without express user permission.

A new application program interface (API), a type of coding on the site, reportedly allows applications to put updates in personal timelines without permission from the user. Blogger Nik Cubrilovic says logging out of Facebook is

In the news

► The social media capabilities of Facebook will soon be enhanced by the Timeline feature as part of a makeover set to launch for users on Sept. 30.

► Making the rounds in the Facebook rumour mill this week are potential fees for use. Facebook picked up on this one right away and was quick to dispute it.

not enough to stop the site from doing this.

This means that if Stephen Harper visits a Bob Rae fan site, that visit could be posted to his Timeline without Harper's

permission. Usually, a user has to click a "like" button to share content to Facebook.

"Even if you are logged out, Facebook still knows and can track every page you visit. The only solution is to delete every Facebook cookie in your browser, or to use a separate browser for Facebook interactions," wrote Cubrilovic.

Instead, Facebook says they use cookies on social plugins to personalize content, including showing what friends "like" for measurement purposes, for site improvement and maintenance or for safety and security.

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Bolivia. Confrontation



► A demonstrator confronts riot police in Rurrenabaque, Bolivia, yesterday.

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Planned highway sparks protests

Bolivian Defence Minister Cecilia Chacon resigned yesterday after police violently broke up a protest Sunday by indigenous and environmentalist groups who were marching against the construction of a government planned highway. The road would cut through the nature preserve Territorio Indigena Parque Nacional Isiboro Secure, home to 15,000 natives.

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Pakistan tests ties with U.S.

Pakistan hosted China's top security official and staged war games with Saudi Arabia yesterday, strengthening ties with two regional players as its relationship with the United States plummets over allegations Islamabad supports insurgents in

Afghanistan.

Ties with Washington have soured over the last year, but Pakistani officials and commentators have been talking up their country's relationship with Beijing. Some have suggested Pakistan's emboldened alliance with China could replace its strategic relationship with the United States.

China and Pakistan have long had good ties, in large part due to their mutual distrust of India.

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198 years for fatal fire attack

A man in Puerto Rico who set fire to his family's New Year's Day gathering has been sentenced to 198 years in prison for killing six people.

A judge in the U.S.

island territory sentenced Justino Sanchez Diaz on charges that included murder and attempted murder.

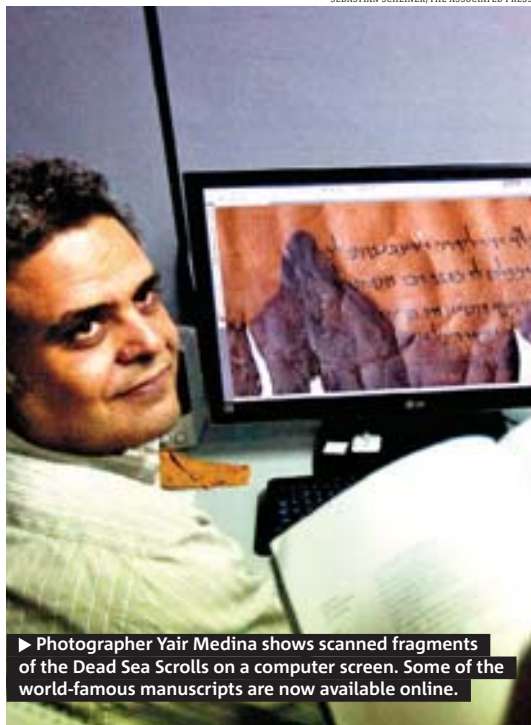
Among those killed were the man's nephew and his fiancé. She had come to the island to meet the family of her soon-to-be-husband.

Sanchez will not be eligible for parole for 115 years.

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Manuscripts find new life

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► Photographer Yair Medina shows scanned fragments of the Dead Sea Scrolls on a computer screen. Some of the world-famous manuscripts are now available online.

► Five of the most important Dead Sea Scrolls posted on the Internet

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► The Dead Sea Scrolls.

Two thousand years after they were written and decades after they were found in desert caves, some of the world-famous Dead Sea Scrolls went online for the first time yesterday in a project launched by Israel's national museum and the web giant Google.

It's part of a broader attempt by the custodians of the celebrated manuscripts — who were once criticized for allowing them to be monopolized by small circles of scholars — to make them available to anyone with a computer.

The scrolls include the biblical Book of Isaiah, the manuscript known as the Temple Scroll, and three others. Surfers can search high-resolution images of the scrolls for specific pas-

sages, zoom in and out, and translate verses into English.

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Canada's international reputation as a showcase of natural purity got a boost yesterday from a World Health Organization study that found the country's urban air quality ranks

among the best in the world. Agency officials compiled self-reported data on the number of microscopic airborne particles in some 1,100 cities around the world between 2003

and 2010.

The Yukon capital of Whitehorse topped the list of cities at 2.9 micrograms per cubic metre, the WHO said. Only the eastern European nation of Estonia and

Mauritius, a tiny island nation east of Madagascar, fared better overall than Canada, which registered a rating of 12.7 — well shy of the international average of 71. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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► Prime Minister Stephen Harper with Yukon Premier Darrell Pasloski in Whitehorse Aug. 25, 2011. The Yukon capital topped the list of least-polluted Canadian cities.



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Meeting fails to win over asbestos critics

Critics of Canadian asbestos say they weren't won over by face-to-face meetings yesterday with a prominent businessman who argues that his industry has been unfairly maligned.

Some of the industry's most vocal opponents agreed to a meeting with Montreal businessman Baljit Chadha, who was in Ottawa as part of his effort to revive the reputation of the asbestos trade.

Quebec has set Saturday as the deadline to finalize a deal that would extend the life of the Jeffrey Mine for another 20 years.

\$58M Chadha's public-relations initiative comes as he seeks a \$58-million government loan guarantee from Quebec that would help him reopen one of this country's last two asbestos mines.

But Chadha's meetings yesterday appeared to have left industry critics unswayed.

One group quickly issued a news release condemning the asbestos sector shortly after their rendezvous.

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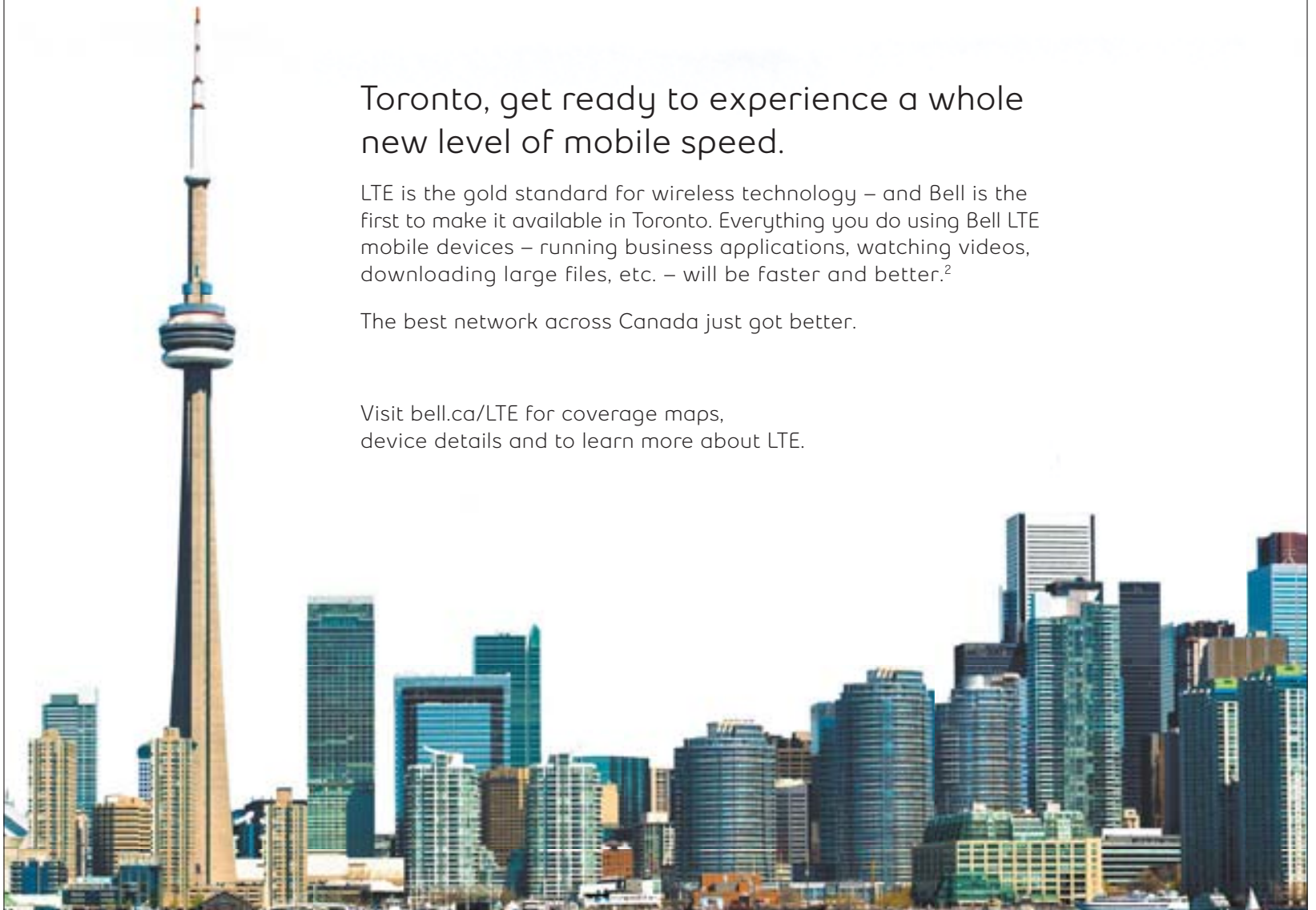
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► A woman passes a street as motorcyclists make their way through long lines of vehicles in central Athens yesterday.

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Greece faces more strikes, protests

► If the country doesn't get more rescue loans before mid-October, it will be unable to pay salaries, pensions

As the prospect of a disastrous debt default hung over Greece, the government faced strikes and protests yesterday against new austerity measures needed to appease the country's rescue creditors.

Athens metro, tram and suburban rail workers held a 24-hour strike, while buses and trolleys were to stop operating for several hours. Airline passengers also faced delays as traffic controllers implemented work-to-rule action, refusing to work overtime. A 48-hour strike by all transport workers is expected later this week.

Greek police held their

Budget deficit

► **Outrage.** Greeks have been outraged by the new steps, as they come on top of previous austerity measures that failed to sufficiently reduce the country's budget deficit.

own protest, with the Special Guards unit hanging a giant black banner from the top of Lycabettus Hill in the capital reading "Pay day, day of mourning."

Faced with mounting anger from the country's international creditors, the government recently

announced a raft of new austerity measures to secure the next \$11-billion installment of bailout loans from the \$154-billion rescue package it has been dependent on since last year. Without the funds, Greece only has enough funds to see it through mid-October, when it faces the prospect of a messy default.

Greek Prime Minister George Papandreou heads to Berlin today, where he will meet with German Chancellor Angela Merkel ahead of a parliamentary vote there on approving plans to beef up the eurozone rescue fund.

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UN bid raises Abbas' profile

► Talks between Fatah party and rival Hamas group set to resume in Cairo next week ► Even some Hamas loyalists praising Abbas' actions

President Mahmoud Abbas' surge of popularity following his bid for UN recognition for a Palestinian state is bound to give him a stronger hand against the rival Hamas group as they prepare to resume talks on a stalled power-sharing deal next week.

The Islamic militant rulers of Gaza have dismissed Abbas' recognition quest as futile. Still, they appear unnerved by his new image as a tough leader standing up to the Americans, suppressing shows of support for him.

In one Gaza City cafe, Hamas security agents switched off a TV showing Abbas' speech to the UN General Assembly and detained the owner.

Despite such tensions, the recent developments may mean future common ground.

Throughout the Palestinian areas, Abbas' decision to seek UN recognition of a state in the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem is being heralded as a major policy shift. For the first time, he is openly bypassing negotiations with Israel, defying the Obama administration on a fundamental issue. This could also make it easier for Abbas and Hamas to find ways to work together and repair their rift.

On his weekend flight home from New York, Abbas hinted at the possibility of sounding out Hamas about a shared political vision, something he has not raised before.

"There will be deep talks with Hamas, not just about reconciliation, but also about the general horizon" of the Palestinians' future, he said.



► Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas, right, and Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh of Hamas confer at a cabinet meeting in March 2007.

Hamas, shunned by much of the world, overran Gaza in 2007 after defeating Abbas loyalists in elections and set up a rival government to his internationally backed Palestinian Authority in the West Bank.

Repeated reconciliation attempts failed, in part because of opposition from the U.S. and Egypt, which had acted as a mediator but also wanted to rein in Islamic militants.

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Accused murderer advised youth league

The mother of a young hockey player is concerned after the Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association used a man accused of murdering his wife to evaluate young players.

Mark Stobbe, a former government adviser in Saskatchewan and Manitoba, is charged with second-

degree murder in the 2000 death of Beverly Rowbotham. He has been out on bail since 2008 while he awaits trial.

Tammy Robert says she was shocked to see Stobbe in a Saskatoon rink over the weekend evaluating her seven-year-old son.

When she complained,

an official dismissed her concerns, she said. "The answer was pretty flippant. He just goes, 'He knows his hockey.'"

Kelly Bowes, executive director of Saskatoon Minor Hockey, says using Stobbe was a last-minute decision by a division co-ordinator and he hasn't received any

other complaints.

"He's got two boys that play hockey and is at the rink almost every day and he walks out and watches," Bowes said.

But he said he understands why people would be uncomfortable, and Stobbe won't be asked to help again. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Bear cub feared dead

► People worldwide have been following the lives of Lily and Hope

Researchers fear a hunter may have killed a black bear named Hope who became famous when her birth in northeastern Minnesota was broadcast over the Internet.

Lynn Rogers, senior biologist with the North American Bear Center, said yesterday that Hope was last seen Sept. 4.

The centre installed a camera inside a bear den and thousands of people watched as Hope's mother, Lily, gave birth two winters ago. Hope did not have a radio collar but often roamed with Lily, whose collar showed she visited the hunter's bait station three times — on Sept. 15, 16 and 17. "Then she left and nev-

er returned to it. And Hope was never seen again," Rogers said.

Lily's Facebook page has more than 132,000 fans and word of Hope's possible death has generated hundreds of postings, mostly from mourners and opponents of hunting.

"There was so much we wanted to learn from this family," Rogers said, adding he wonders if the hunter deliberately sought out Hope. He said the hunter has posted messages before on a Facebook page with about 50 fans called "Lily: A bear with a bounty," where some postings last week spoke of "Hope jerky" or Hope cooked in a crockpot.

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Diplomat's death a lie?

► General's statements based on his knowledge of materials related to fate of victims of oppression

Raoul Wallenberg, who saved tens of thousands of Hungarian Jews before vanishing into Soviet captivity, may have been alive after the official 1947 date of his death — but only for a few days, says the chief archivist of Russia's counterintelligence service.

The disappearance of the 32-year-old Swedish diplomat is a mystery of World War II. His defiance of the Nazis is commemorated worldwide in statues, in streets names and in postage stamps, and to this day inspires scholarly articles, popular books and Hollywood movies.

It has been an embar-

rassment for Moscow, which has failed to dislodge a belief, supported by credible if unsubstantiated evidence, that Wallenberg lived like a ghost for up to four decades.

In a rare interview w, Lt. Gen. Vasily Khristoforov acknowledged that the Soviet version of his death of a heart attack could have been fabricated and that his captors may have "helped him die." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



► Raoul Wallenberg

Staying. Put



► A young resident cycles through the main gate of the Dale Farm travellers' camp at Crays Hill near Basildon, Essex, England yesterday.

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Evictions still halted

The High Court ruled that the injunction halting an eviction order granted to the local authority to demolish illegal dwellings will stay until Thursday.

Prized Pinot Noir grapes snatched

Talk about some grapes of wrath. Thieves in Germany stole a whopping 5,500 pounds of pricey Pinot Noir grapes from a winery in the country's southwestern region of Deidesheim earlier this month.

Stephen Attmann of the Von Winning winery told German press agency dpa that the thieves completely decimated the vineyard, plucking the award-winning Spätburgunder variety, or Pinot Noir grapes, just ahead of the scheduled



► Pinot noir grapes

harvest. Attmann said the thieves brought in harvest machines to remove the grapes, worth roughly \$137,000 U.S., Der Spiegel reports. Police are investigating. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES**

Fatal bus accident in Pakistan

Police say at least 26 school children and two teachers have been killed, and another 40 injured, in a bus accident in Pakistan.

The bus was returning

26 At least 26 children and two teachers were killed in a bus accident in Pakistan yesterday.

from a school trip to a salt mine popular with tourists when it plunged into a ditch in Kalar Kahar.

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Trial shines light on Saudi women's rights

A Saudi activist will stand trial for defying the kingdom's ban on female drivers, a lawyer and rights advocates said yesterday, revealing clear limits on how far the conservative Muslim land is willing to go to grant women greater rights.

Just a day earlier, King Abdullah, who is regarded as a reformer by Saudi standards, decreed that women would be allowed for the first time to vote and run as

candidates in elections for municipal councils starting in 2015. He also promised to appoint women after two years to the Shura Council, the currently all-male consultative body with no legislative powers.

Activists in Saudi Arabia and abroad welcomed the changes as a step in the right direction, while urging the kingdom to end all discrimination against women. Some also pointed to the case against Najalaa



► Saudi King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz al-Saud

Harriri as evidence of how far the kingdom still has to go on the path of reforms.

"Saudi Arabia is moving far too slowly," said Amnesty International's deputy Middle East director, Philip Luther. "Ultimately, it is no great achievement to be one of the last countries in the world to grant women the vote."

Harriri was among the dozens of Saudi women to challenge the country's

longtime ban on driving in a campaign that began in June. In a nod to the power of social media, the campaigners posted video of themselves behind the wheel on the Web, drawing international attention at a time of great tumult across the Arab world.

She was summoned for questioning on Sunday, according to attorney Waleed Aboul Khair, and will stand trial this month with other women. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Saudi culture

- Saudi Arabia is the only country in the world that bans women from driving.
- The ban is rooted in religious edicts and Saudi Arabia's conservative traditional culture.
- Limitations on women's freedom is regarded as a necessity to prevent sins.

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Protesters arrested on Parliament Hill

► Demonstration organized by Greenpeace and other groups who oppose oil pipeline from Alberta to Texas

Police quietly arrested dozens of protesters who crossed a barricade in front of the Peace Tower yesterday.

Several hundred people milled in front of police barriers on the Parliament Hill lawn as a protest against the Keystone XL pipeline.

The arrests came as orderly lines of about six or seven at a time approached the first of the barricades, a waist-high fence.

One by one, they used a small stool to step across and then sat on the lawn, while police interviewed them. They were led away at intervals.

Among the first to be

cuffed with plastic ties were Dave Coles, president of the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers Union and veteran activist Maude Barlow.

Native drums sounded as the protesters moved forward. At one point, a wheelchair and its occupant were manhandled over the fence.

The rally was billed as peaceful and non-confrontational, but police were out in force. They handed out flyers with maps, telling protesters where they can and cannot go and outlining their rights, their limits and police duties.

The protest included

members of First Nations.

Clayton Thomas-Muller, an aboriginal organizer, said Canada's Assembly of First Nations and the National Congress of American Indians formally came out against Keystone earlier this month.

He said they are upset about the lack of consultation and destruction of hunting and fishing areas, water, air, sacred lands, tribal sovereignty and lack of government monitoring.

They want oilsands development to slow down until government regulation can catch up.

"It's a really tragic situation," Thomas-Muller said.

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Taking on the oil companies

Since Canada has already signed off on the \$7-billion project, yesterday's demonstration was being pitched as a protest against the oilsands more generally, said Greenpeace organizer Mike Hudema.

The aim, he said, was "to get the government to turn away from the very devastating and very toxic tar sands industry, and to start addressing one of the greatest crises of our time..."

Oil companies and the federal government argue that thousands of jobs and millions of dollars of tax revenue are generated by oilsands activity.

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► Protesters cross a security fence as they join the Council of Canadians and Greenpeace Canada in holding a rally featuring a civil disobedience sit-in against the tar sands on Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

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TOSSING OUT OLD PRACTICES IN NEW

► **Libya's transitional leadership set to dismantle reviled justice system of Gadhafi's regime as fighting continues**

Libya's transitional justice minister said yesterday that he has approved a measure to abolish the country's state security prosecution and courts, which sentenced opponents of the old regime to prison.

At a press conference in Tripoli, Mohammed al-Alagi, part of Libya's new leadership after the ouster of Moammar Gadhafi, said he has signed a document to disband the bodies. The step still needs approval by the Na-

"I am personally very happy to sign an approval to end the state security prosecution and court, and the state security appeals court."

MOHAMMED AL-ALAGI,
LIBYAN JUSTICE MINISTER

tional Transitional Council that now runs the country.

He said the document

includes a request to abolish a third court for special cases where many opposition members were sentenced to life terms in prisons like Abu Salim in Tripoli, where inmates were massacred by Gadhafi's regime.

Libyans are pressing forward with efforts to do away with some of the most hated remnants of the former regime even though fighting continues and the ousted leader's whereabouts remains unknown. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

'Bloody aspect'

- Sirte, 400 kilometres south-east of Tripoli, is one of the last remaining bastions of Gadhafi loyalists since revolutionary fighters stormed into the capital last month.
- Forces on the city's outskirts fire tank shells, Grad rockets and mortar rounds toward the city daily with little more than a general idea of what they are targeting.
- NATO, meanwhile, is operating in Libya under a mandate to protect civilians.
- Eman Mohammed, a 30-year-old doctor who is from the Warfala tribe that has traditionally supported

- Gadhafi, said most of the fighters in the city are armed volunteers fighting for personal reasons.
- "There is a bloody aspect to it," she said, standing at a rebel checkpoint outside the city. "Many people died in the battlefield as martyrs, so their relatives are angry. It doesn't have to do with Gadhafi anymore. It's more about revenge than about anything else."
- She said she didn't expect the fighters to surrender easily. "It is just simple resistance, just those who lost relatives or who are defending their homes," she said.
- Others said they also felt

endangered by the fighting.

- "We got scared for our children," said Amir Ali, 40, who ran a metal workshop in the city for years. He fled with his five children when the explosions got too close to their home.
- "It comes from both sides," he said. "I have no idea what kind of weapons they are, but it's all heavy stuff."
- He said the shortages keep many people who would like to flee from getting out.
- "There are many people inside who don't have cars to leave or can't get gas," he said. "Others don't want to leave."

► Revolutionary fighters fire from tanks towards Gadhafi troop positions in Sirte, Libya, yesterday. After NATO's heavy bombing on Sunday, hundreds of families are leaving the city. Some remain stranded on the outskirts due to a lack of transportation or fuel.



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Medics, basic needs in short supply

Civilians fleeing Sirte yesterday described grave shortages of food, fuel, drinking water and medicine.

Eman Mohammed, a 30-year-old doctor at the city's central Ibn Sina Hospital, said the facility was short on most medicines and had no oxygen in the operating rooms. She said most days, patients who reach the hospital find no one to treat them because fuel shortages and fear keep staff from coming to work.

She said many recent injuries appear to be caused by revolutionary forces. "Most of the people killed or injured recently are from the shelling," she said.

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Judge throws book at teen who killed dad

A now 19-year-old Winnipeg man has received close to the maximum youth sentence for killing and dismembering his abusive father in 2009.

Judge Janice LeMaistre deducted just eight months for the time he has spent in custody since he turned himself in about a month after the June 2009 slaying, then pleaded guilty to first-degree murder. That means he must serve 64 months in secure custody and another four years of conditional super-

6 The maximum under the Youth Criminal Justice Act is six years in custody.

vision.

His defence lawyer had asked for two years.

LeMaistre noted that since the slaying, the young man's mother and her other children are no longer being terrorized by the man who was killed, but she said the nature of the offence still called for a severe penalty.

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Trial begins in wrestler murder case

Jurors in Winnipeg have begun hearing evidence in a high-profile alleged murder-for-hire case involving a former pro wrestler.

Melody Sanford, 47, Rita

Cushnie, 57, and Donald Richard, 35, have each pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit murder in connection with the September 2007 death of Ivan (John) Radocaj. The 43-year-old died of blunt-force trauma to the head.

● JAMES TURNER IN WINNIPEG

100 protest Taser use

- ▶ Many identified themselves as high school students
- ▶ Marchers got support from motorists, pedestrians



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METRO CANADA IN LONDON, ONT.

Nearly 100 people took to London, Ont.'s downtown streets yesterday to protest what they called "police brutality" against 17-year-old Jaz Bennett.

Bennett, a Grade 12 student at H.B. Beal Secondary School, said he was shocked by a stun gun as police broke up a fight Thursday near the school. He walked along with the protesters, at times trailing several blocks behind and holding his chest where one of the Taser prongs entered his body.

"I got jumped. I was defending myself," he said about last week's fight, which resulted in assault



▶ Masha Sultan, 18, a student at H.B. Beal Secondary School in London, Ont., yells at officers yesterday outside the London Police Service headquarters.

with a weapon charges against him. "I felt relieved to see the officers (arrive on scene)."

The roving protest lasted several hours, making its way from Beal high school to police headquarters before heading to the city's downtown core and

then to city hall.

Some tense moments came early on as the crowd stopped in front of the police station. There, three police officers lined the front steps and others stood guard nearby.

Several people were warned that stepping off

Not outside

Not everyone was stirred to action by yesterday's police protest.

- ▶ Wesley Demmerling, 17, a Grade 12 student at H.B. Beal Secondary School, thought the group got a little too rowdy at times and lost its focus. He was especially worried after he said someone jumped on a car outside city hall.

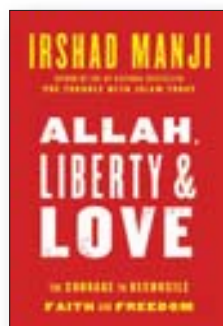
the sidewalk and onto the steps constituted trespassing. Many responded by yelling obscenities at the officers as someone on a bullhorn demanded they defend their actions.

The officers stood stone-faced as pig squeals were blasted over a loud speaker and the crowd chanted "Shame on you" and "Stop the police."

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Bharati a highlight of Sony Centre's upcoming season [page 30](#)

Culture Days offers family-friendly activities [page 31-35](#)

ALL-NIGHT ART

Toronto's annual all-night celebration of contemporary art promises a spectacular lineup and is set to take place on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 6:59 p.m.

until sunrise. "Scotiabank Nuit Blanche will transform the streets of Toronto with more than 130 projects created by nearly 500 artists. This incredible event makes contemporary art accessible to the greatest number of people and celebrates our city," said

Julian Sleath, programming manager of special events with the City of Toronto.

Leading up to Nuit Blanche for a second year now

are a unique series of free, themed talks that allow for candid discussion, contemplation of the creative vision and a behind-the-scenes look at one of North America's largest contemporary art events. Nuit Talks is sponsored by Timothy's World Coffee and include the Protest Panel, which looks at art as protest. The panel takes place tonight at the Drake Underground; doors open at 6 p.m.

For the first time ever, this year's curators will offer a sneak preview of their exhibitions and share some insight into why they chose each artist.

WTF: What's the Fuss? runs Oct. 1 at City Hall from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Doors open at 3 p.m.

Along with generous financial support for the overall event, sponsors have commissioned or provided additional funds to augment existing projects. These sponsors include Scotiabank, Toronto Eaton Centre, Chevrolet and Philips.

Public transit is the best way to get to and from the event.

In addition to the all-night Blue Night Network, TTC service will be extended and subways will operate all night until 7

a.m. on the Bloor-Danforth subway between Keele and Woodbine stations; and on the Yonge-University-Spadina subway between St. Clair West and Eglinton stations. A Special Event Day Pass is now available at all TTC Collector Booths.

New this year is extended GO Transit service to accommodate the late-night festivities, GO is running extra homebound Lakeshore trains in the early hours of Oct. 2. If you are driving in the city, be sure to review the road closures as well as transit information available on the website.

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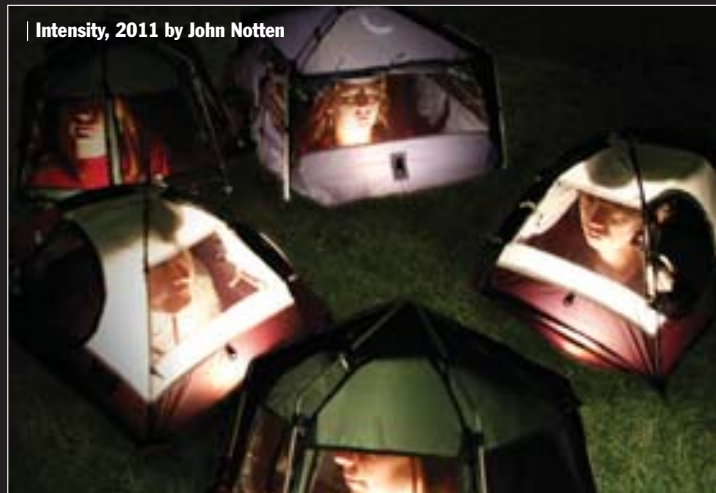
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JOSE SIERRA

NUIT HIGHLIGHTS

This year marks the sixth edition of Scotiabank Nuit Blanche, and the City of Toronto has produced three curated exhibitions with a total of 134 projects. Here's a rundown of some of the highlights.

The centrepiece of this year's event is "Flightpath Toronto" at City Hall.

Nathan Phillips Square will be transformed by artists Natalie Jeremijenko and Usman Haque.

Candice Hopkins curates "Restaging the Encounter" in Downtown North Zone A. Highlights include "Erratic" by Germaine Koh, which re-enacts the geological processes that have shaped the region.

AES+F's work transforms a section of Queen's Park into "The Feast of Trimalchio" through a video installation comprised of 70,000 still images.

The interior of the Victoria Chapel at the University of Toronto is filled with the hum of Postcommodity's "Radio-Phonic Territory (Nocturne)."

Shirley Madill curates "The Future of the Present" exhibition in the Downtown Core Zone B, featuring works that reflect the philosophies of Marshall McLuhan. Some of the highlights in-

clude "Ascension" by Isabelle Hayeur, which offers viewers a glimpse into infinity through sight and sound.

At the Toronto Eaton Centre, Ken Rinaldo's "Paparazzi Bots" gives passers-by their 15 minutes of fame and Christine Irving's interactive fire sculpture "Heart Machine" makes its Canadian debut.

At the Downtown South Zone C, Nicholas Brown curates "You had to go looking for it" invites people to transform and occupy Toronto's financial district. Highlights will include "The Tie-break" by Tibi Tibi Neuspiel and Geoffrey Pugen recreates the legendary fourth-set tie-breaker from the 1980 Wimbledon Finals between Björn Borg and John

McEnroe.

In "Barricades", Jeremy Jansen and Niall McClelland take objects traditionally used to block off spaces from the public and give them new contexts that undermine their original purposes and Iain Forsyth and Jane Pollard invite onlookers to experience an inexplicable encounter in "Soon", a sight and sound installation.

The complete roster of events can be found at scotiabanknuitblanche.ca.

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Here's a rundown of the Centre's highlights:

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, heralded as America's Cultural Ambassador to the World, comes to the Sony Centre to showcase the vision of new Artistic Director Robert Battle.

Canada's Royal Winnipeg Ballet's production of Svengali. Yearning for public recognition, Svengali escapes the repression of his mother's ballet studio to a decadent world reminiscent of mid-century Weimar.

The Backyardigans: Quest for the Extra Ordinary Aliens is an out-of-this-world theatrical production with the whole Backyardigans gang.

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Orchestra combines a Serbian gypsy band, a classical string ensemble, an orthodox male choir and two Bulgarian female vocalists.

Kings of Salsa is an explosion of high-voltage salsa and sexy choreography.

Bharati, a live music and dance spectacle that journeys through the colours, scents and flavours of India. (See accompanying story.)

Shumka at 50! is a unique hybrid of the rich Ukrainian dance heritage and a contemporary Canadian dance dynamic.

The Classical Mystery Tour: A tribute band backed by the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony.

Tango Pasión features the world's greatest tango dancers and a live orchestra.

The Soweto Gospel Choir was formed to share the joy of faith through the inspirational power of African Gospel music.

Tao: a company of martial arts drummers trained in traditional Japanese percussion who use their entire body to express the music.

BON APPETIT

The Sony Centre will now be offering an international culinary experience that reflects the flavour of the onstage performances. For example, the menu features smoked duck, baked brie, coquilles St. Jacques and crème brûlée, all prepared by executive chef Stephen Lee to set the stage for turn-of-the-century Paris for *Moulin Rouge – The Ballet*.

THE WONDER THAT IS INDIA

Toronto's first performing arts centre has played a defining role in the cultural life of Toronto for more than 50 years, and now Toronto audiences will soon have the opportunity to taste the musical masala that is *Bharati*, a spectacular live presentation of the dance, music, fashion, and folk traditions of India.

The troupe has been touring the world for six years, and the critically acclaimed performance boasts a company of 70 dancers, actors, singers, acrobats, and musicians in a powerful story of love and homecoming.

The story revolves around Siddharth, an Indian-born engineer raised in the U.S., who returns to his homeland to work on the Ganga Cleaning Project. Cynical and contemptuous of all things Indian, Siddharth finds himself attracted to a mysterious Indian woman named Bharati. As she re-introduces him to the wonders of India, Siddharth ends up discovering his true self, and the meaning of love.

The performance is narrated by Rahul Vohra, an actor who has appeared in several films internationally, but widely recognized for his roles in popular films

like *Swades* and *Monsoon Wedding*.

"I narrate the story, I'm a storyteller, I'm a spectator or sometimes I'm an actor," says Vohra. "It's slightly more than just narration. In India we call it a *Sucrachar*, or the guy who holds the strings like a master puppeteer."

The title character, *Bharati*, is played by Bhavna Pani, a dancer, model and actor known for her roles in *Dil Vil Pyar Vyar*, *Yuvaraja*, and *Tere Liye*.

She explains the dichotomy behind the performance. "It is a metaphor for India. She is what India is at the moment; a lot of struggling between trying to strike a balance between modernism and traditionalism," says Pani. "The love for her man represents modernism and the love for her father represents a tradition and how she strikes a balance and brings the both of them together."

On Oct. 26, to honour the "Festival of Lights," The Sony Centre For The Performing Arts will transform itself into a Diwali Festival Marketplace with vendors of exclusive apparel, jewelry, accessories and home décor, plus henna artists, photo booths and an array of South Asian snacks served up.

SONY CENTRE: NEWLY REFURBISHED

After being closed for two years of renovations, the Sony Centre reopened its doors for its 50th anniversary in October 2010. In the eight months since, the Sony Centre has seen more than 200,000 ticket holders go through the refinished bronze doors for such shows as: Robert Lepage's *Eonagatta*, *The Merchants of Bollywood* and Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical*.

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In fact, join in. How about a pottery class? A clowning class? A fiction-writing workshop? A behind-the-scenes tour of a local theatre? A walking-tour of a heritage region? Your local Culture Days event could be any of these or more.

Culture Days' activities are family-friendly, interactive and totally free. And they're not just entertainment — they're your chance to discover the world of artists, historians, animators, architects,



curators, and designers at work in your community.

Culture Days events take place in neighbourhoods across the GTA. Like Nuit Blanche, they aim to surprise and delight; but Culture Days events are mainly in the daytime and offer a unique hands-on and behind-the-scenes experience.

Culture Days is a collaborative volunteer movement spanning Canada from coast to coast. Notably, many municipalities have taken a lead role in mobilizing their arts and cultural communities to participate in

this unprecedented grassroots initiative, underscoring the valuable contribution a vibrant cultural scene makes to the economic and social prosperity of communities in Canada.

Dozens of municipalities throughout the country have taken an active role in promoting Culture Days and countless arts organizations, cultural groups, individual artists, libraries, museums and festivals have enthusiastically joined the Culture Days movement.

"One of the things that makes Culture Days so special is the commitment of thousands of artists and community volunteers to sharing their work with the public. The result is an extraordi-

nary level of participation that reflects the vibrancy, diversity and creativity of Ontario's communities," said Culture Days Ontario Manager, Aubrey Reeves.

The first annual Culture Days event was held in September 2010 in more than 700 Canadian cities and towns. With even more contributors and communities participating this year, Culture Days promises to be an even bigger success. There are more than 300 free activities scheduled in just the Greater Toronto Area and 1,200 across the province!



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"Culture Days is more than a celebration — it is an opportunity to discover local creators and to find out how the arts and heritage enrich our lives and communities," said Warren Garrett, Chair of the volunteer task force for Ontario Culture Days.

So attend as many events as you can. And then: share your stories. How are Culture Days organizers, creators, and citizens like you collaborating to enrich the artistic and cultural life of your community? Email your fond memories and big ideas to stories@culturedays.ca to be part of the conversation.

PLAN YOUR WEEKEND

With so many incredible Culture Days activities happening over the weekend, the Bright Spots Schedule is going to come in handy. Using this planning tool is easy: simply go to the Culture Days web site (www.culturedays.ca) and click on the "My Culture Days" tab to create an account. Once you're logged in, search registered activities by postal code, region, category, artistic discipline...etc. and select those you wish to attend. They'll automatically appear in a customized three-day schedule. You can export your Bright Spots Schedule to email, popular calendar platforms such as Outlook, iCal or Google Calendar, and PDF, which can then be printed. The Bright Spots Schedule also has a "smart" recommendation feature that will make activity suggestions based on the geographic proximity and type of activities you've already selected. So what are you waiting for? Start planning your Culture Days weekend now and express the creative you!

CULTURE DAYS ACTIVITIES

WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS ACROSS THE GTA

DURHAM REGION

WHAT: *Through the Looking Glass with Alice.* Come play croquet with the Queen of Hearts and Alice in Wonderland. Step back in time to the year 1865 at the Uxbridge Historical Centre.

WHO: Uxbridge Historical Centre

WHEN: Oct. 2, from 10 am-6 pm

WHERE: 7239 Conc. 6

WHAT: *Theatre Wars.* Children ages 7-10 are invited to this exciting drama program at the Brooklin Branch. Register online at whitbylibrary.on.ca or by calling the Brooklin Branch at 905-655-3191.

WHO: Brooklin Branch, Whitby Public Library

WHEN: Oct. 1, 10 am-11 am

WHERE: 8 Vipond Rd.

PEEL REGION

WHAT: *Anna's Poetry Alive.* Discover haikus, concrete poems, free verse poetry and more with award winning International poet Anna Yin.

WHO: Anna Yin

WHEN: Oct. 2, from 2 pm-4 pm

WHERE: 301 Burnhamthorpe Rd. W. (Mississauga Central Library)

WHAT: *Mesmerizing Melodies of India.*

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WHO: Culture Division - City of Mississauga

WHEN: Oct. 1, from 1:20 pm-1:40 pm

WHERE: Celebration Square, 300 City Centre Drive

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WHAT: *Introduction to Clowning.* Laughter cures many things & clown logic solves every problem with humour. Red noses, crazy hats, zany games — get your clown on. **NOTE:** for Adults

WHO: Hart House

WHEN: Oct. 1, from 2-4 pm

WHERE: 7 Hart House Circle

WHAT: *Textile Olympics.* Craft enthusiasts are invited to compete in a series of technical and creative challenges through knitting, crochet, spinning and sewing.

WHO: Textile Museum of Canada

WHEN: Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 1-4 pm

WHERE: 55 Centre Ave.

WHAT: *Sounds of Adventure!* junctQin keyboard collective presents Sounds of Adventure! at North York Central Library as part of Culture Days @ the Library.

WHO: junctQin keyboard collective

WHEN: Sept. 30, from 7-8:30 pm

WHERE: North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St.

WHAT: *Learn a Billy Elliot routine — by a former "Billy."* Learn a dance routine from Billy Elliot, The Musical, taught by an NBS student who played the role on New York's Broadway.

WHO: Canada's National Ballet School

WHEN: Oct. 2, from 11 am-noon

WHERE: 400 Jarvis St.

YORK REGION

WHAT: *Behind the Scenes of MOTUS O's "What the Heck?"* Take a look behind the scenes of MOTUS O's Dance Theatre's latest multidisciplinary creation!

WHO: Lebovic Centre for Arts & Entertainment — Nineteen on the Park

WHEN: Oct. 1, from 1-2 pm

WHERE: 19 Civic Ave.

WHAT: *McMichael Gallery Behind-the-Scenes Tours & Outdoor Delights.*

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WHO: McMichael Canadian Art Collection

WHEN: Oct. 1-2, 10 am-4 pm

WHERE: 10365 Islington Ave.

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Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion DJ'ing at 2010 Culture Days events.



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Representing a partnership between the Toronto Public Library (TPL), Culture Days, and the Neighbourhood Arts Network, Culture Days @ the Library reminds visitors what an important role libraries play in the discovery and exchange of art and ideas. During the weekend of Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, participating libraries will offer family-friendly art and culture themed activities, designed to showcase local creators and enlighten the public. It's a new twist on a role libraries have always had: being a point of connection for the community.

Culture Days @ the Library pairs Toronto-based artists and other, culture-themed groups and individuals with library branches, allowing them to interact with the public in a traditional — and celebrated — community learning space. Most activities are family-friendly; and all are interactive and free.

"Toronto Public Library is one of the best library systems in the world, but what makes it special to us is its accessibility," says Gelek Badheysang, co-director of Tibetan arts group Drebu, which is partici-

pating in Culture Days for the second time. "We jumped at the chance to present our traditional Tibetan dresses and music at such a community hub. We enjoy being part of a movement that celebrates local arts across the whole country." Drebu presents Tibetan Chuba at Parkdale Library.

Among Drebu's many fellow contributors is Nola McConnan, author/illustrator of *ABC Muskoka*, who will demonstrate how to create phrases and images for an ABC book at Beaches Library. Participants will have the opportunity to make a personal book or lino-block print to take home.

Over at Highland Creek Library, DRUMHAND will present a percussion and horns-based concert which encourages audiences' participation through clapping, singing and call-and-response. And at Maria A. Shchuka Library, Red Slam Collective's S.L.A.M. I AM will honour and reclaim "Warriorism" through Spoken Lyricism Arranges Meaning (S.L.A.M.).

Visit torontopubliclibrary.ca/culturedays for a complete list of activities at Toronto Public Library branches. Or visit culturedays.ca to search or browse for all Culture Days activities happening in the city.



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Tories lean on CBC to explain court battle

► Broadcaster to present arguments Oct. 18 about why information commissioner can't view certain records

The Conservatives are hauling the CBC onto the carpet this fall to explain why it is fighting the access-to-information law in the courts, part of increased scrutiny of the public broadcaster's spending and practices by the new majority government.

The move comes at the same time as the Conservative party surveys its members on whether CBC funding is good value for the taxpayer.

The battle centres around the interpretation of a section of the Access to Information Act that exempts the CBC from having to divulge material involving its journalistic, creative or programming activities.



► Suzanne Legault

Information Commissioner Suzanne Legault last week predicted the matter would be before the courts for years — something that does not sit well with Conservatives.

The CBC's record on access-to-information requests has been flagged by Legault, who has said much of the problem with the response rate centres around the corporation's interpretation of what is

exempted.

She also noted last week that the CBC was inundated with requests when the corporation first became subject to the act in 2007, and struggled to keep up with a backlog.

Nearly 400 of those first requests had been initiated by a law firm working with SunMedia, a division of Quebecor. Quebecor's French-language television networks compete directly with the CBC for viewers in Quebec.

Quebecor's English-language media holdings, including Sun TV and the SunMedia newspapers, have featured regular criticism of the CBC and have called for it to be defunded.

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Legol. Ford Explorer

► The Legoland Florida edition Ford Explorer rolls, with a little help, off the assembly line at Ford's Chicago assembly plant yesterday.

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Special-edition SUV taking road trip

The Legoland Ford Explorer made a stop at Ford's Chicago assembly plant before making its way to the soon-to-open Legoland Florida theme park just outside Orlando. The Explorer is made of 382,858 Lego Bricks and took 2,500 hours to design and build at Lego's North American headquarters in Enfield, Conn.

Netflix signs deal with DreamWorks

Netflix has signed a deal with DreamWorks to stream its movies and TV

specials beginning in 2013. Popular DreamWorks movies include Shrek,

Madagascar and Kung Fu Panda.

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Judge junks Madoff suits targeting hedge funds

A judge has thrown out several lawsuits by investors who blame hedge funds for failing to detect Bernard Madoff's massive fraud, saying the one-time Nasdaq chairman "cleverly leveraged his considerable reputation" to dupe the most sophisticated financial entities, including regulators and Wall Street banks.

In her ruling, Judge Deborah Batts concluded that investors in the hedge funds run by J. Ezra Merkin

were sufficiently warned about risks.

"The list of victims that failed to detect Madoff's fraud is lengthy," Batts wrote, citing the Securities and Exchange Commission among them. "In line with what other courts have done, this court will not recognize a claim against those who did business with Madoff, simply by imputing the suspicions of a few — albeit, wise — people who suspected Madoff's



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► Bernard Madoff leaves U.S. Federal Court in January 2009.

fraud before it was ever discovered."

The 73-year-old Madoff confessed in December 2008 that he was running a multi-decade Ponzi, or pyramid, scheme and that more than \$65 billion he claimed to have on hand for investors had dwindled to a few hundred million dollars from an original investment of about \$20 billion. He is serving a 150-year prison sentence.

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Blame loonie for gas prices: Expert

► Weaker Canadian dollar offsetting oil-price drop, consultant says ► Crude is used to make gasoline

Gasoline prices are expected to inch a bit lower for the rest of the year, but not by as much as many motorists would hope, an energy consultant said yesterday, citing the weaker loonie as the main culprit.

"The loonie has been a great buffer for the consumer as oil prices increased," said Roger McKnight, with En-Pro International in Oshawa.

"The opposite is happening right now."

World oil prices are set in U.S. dollars, so a rising loonie against the greenback offsets part of the impact of higher crude prices. But although oil prices have dropped by a third in recent months,

Energy demand

► Fears of a double-dip recession have oil traders betting global energy demand will fall — pushing the price of oil down from around \$100 US per barrel in July to just under \$80 US yesterday.

the latest slide in the loonie means a raw deal for consumers, who now buy gasoline with weaker Canadian dollars.

The loonie lost about five cents last week. It was up 0.11 of a cent to 97.25 US yesterday.

McKnight, whose firm helps transportation-sector clients manage their

fuel costs, sees gasoline prices falling by about five cents over the next few months as world oil prices continue under downward pressure.

While falling crude prices will benefit gasoline consumers, it could also harm some Alberta oil-sands producers, which need enormous amounts of capital to build and operate their projects.

Integrated energy producers — companies that produce oil, and refine and sell gasoline — can generate cash flow even if oil prices fall to \$70 US, CIBC World Markets analyst Andrew Potter wrote in a research note yesterday.

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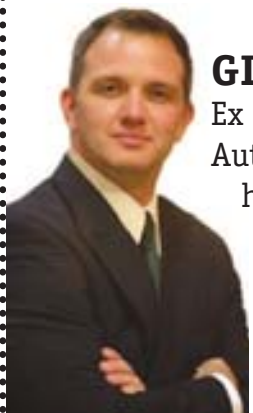
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I hate to drive. Maybe I liked it for a few months back when I was 16 and my learner's permit meant a newfound sense of independence, but these days I just don't see the appeal.

Don't get me wrong, I am not a terrible driver — or at least, I'd like to think I'm not. Sure there has been the odd fender bender and one unfortunate speeding ticket when I was 18 but nothing too traumatic. I understand the rules of the road and am certainly physically capable of driving from A to B. I'm just not very fond of it.

When I am behind the wheel, I am permanently on edge. I get heart palpitations at the first sign of inclement weather, and the combination of speeding cabs, weaving bicyclists and jaywalking pedestrians sends my nerves into overdrive. I hate the overly aggressive road ragers and the lost hours spent staring at

break lights in a traffic jam.

I actually prefer taking public transportation, even on its slowest, smelliest and most uncomfortable days. Not because I can't afford to drive, or because I am an environmental crusader, but because, for me, it's just so much easier.

Sitting on a bus or train gives me time to myself; time to sleep, to read and to stare inappropriately at attractive strangers. Public transit is empowering — bus drivers don't care when I'm intoxicated and they let me check my phone for text messages whenever I want.

As a non-driver, I am exempt from all of the monetary costs associated with car ownership. I don't have to worry about repairs or parking and I admittedly have no concept of how

much car insurance costs (but I hear it's horrendous). And while the occasional fare increase will irk me for a month or two, it is nothing compared to the daily emotional roller coaster that results from the fluctuation of crude oil prices.

I know mass transit isn't always the fastest or most convenient way to travel, and I'm not immune to the eye-rolling frustrations of yet another late bus or stalled train. But most of the time I can breathe deeply and get over it because I want to believe that the benefits of communal commuting outweigh the negatives.

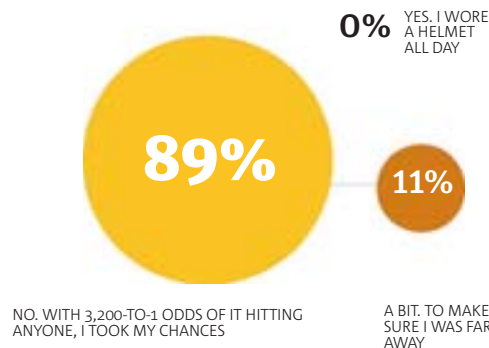
Riding transit might make me more dependent at times, but it is also blissfully liberating in so many ways. For us anti-automobile folk, freedom is a monthly pass and a good book.

Read more of Jessica Napier's columns at metronews.ca/shesays



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Did you follow the falling satellite?



Letters

RE: Listen, you don't want to upset this teacher, published Sept. 22

Mazerolle's article was so badly executed it ended up being not only offensive, but contradictory.

First, I took offence to the implication that teachers must inspire fear, especially fear of bodily harm, to be respected, and that "the nice ones who wanted to help" lacked strength and would "[crumble] like [...] Wagon Wheels." If the writer's intention was to direct attention to the current plight of teachers, these characterizations did little to support and much to undermine those hard-working idealists who become teachers because they "wanted to help."

Secondly, the line about what teachers "do best: pushing you up a grade regardless of merit" the writer has again cast teachers as the hapless pawns of a production line school system.

This negative characterization was further advanced in the final line: "let's open our books to Megan Fox". This implied a kind of uselessness in education.

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Hailing from Omsk, Russia, nimble-fingered miniaturist Anatoly Konenko and his son Stanislav made this in



► An itty-bitty fish tank

three weeks. The 57-year-old was the first in Siberia to create what he calls "microminiature" art. He claims to have invented the technology of writing on very small grains of rice.

In 1996, Konenko was recognized by Guinness for the world's smallest book — at 0.9 millimetres by 0.9 mm.

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► Daniel Craig and Rachel Weisz are a happily married New York City couple seeking a simpler life in New England in Dream House.

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Scene in brief



Taylor Lautner received a noisy welcome at the European premiere of his latest film Abduction. He met fans at the British Film Institute's IMAX screen in London last night. A Facebook campaign ensured he'd promote the movie in the U.K., with more than 79,000 supporters "liking" the page on the site.

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E-Street Band guitarist Van Zandt says Springsteen plans to decide future after Clemons' death.

Director up in the clouds

► Jim Sheridan tries to capture the intangible in his work ► New film Dream House is a psychological thriller that's a departure from his typical character drama fare



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Shortly into my conversation with Irish filmmaker Jim Sheridan I begin to understand what his daughter Kristen meant when she said her father "exists up in the clouds. In order to communicate with him, you have to go up into the clouds yourself."

When I mention the quote to the Dream House director he laughs and tries to explain.

"I think that's probably true in relation to the way I approach actors and sto-

ry. I know directors like Tim Burton or David Fincher, they're very structured visually. Then there's the approach that says, 'It's emotional over here.'

But emotions are invisible and it's hard to catch the invisible. Trying to catch the invisible is very interesting because it's just something that happens in front of you rather than something that has happened, as Hitchcock said, and then I'm only shooting it."

A scheduled 10 minute interview stretches into 35

minutes as the three time Oscar nominee chats amiably about the movies he thinks will eventually become classics — "the poetic ones that don't make as much sense" — on artistic vision — "it's a product of interior emotion" — the meaning of the Kubrick film 2001 — "it's a baptism!" — and, of course, his new movie.

In Dream House real life newlyweds Daniel Craig and Rachel Weisz are Will and Libby, a happily married couple who leave New York City for a simpler life in New England.

Of course, this is a thriller, so their hopes for a happy life are dashed when they discover their new home was the site of a grisly murder.

"It's a genre piece," he says.

"It's a psychological thriller with horror overtones and detective story overtones, but essentially, deep down it's a love story. It's in the vein of A Beautiful Mind and Shutter Island. We've made the kind of movie with thriller and horror elements, but women will like it."

Sheridan may exist in

the clouds, but he is realistic about the state of the movie business. The kind of character dramas that made him famous are harder to get made these days.

"One day, I don't know what day it was, maybe a Thursday, about a year ago, everybody decided you couldn't make a drama anymore," he says. "I think there was a surfeit of independent movies when there was a surfeit of money," he says. In Ireland we built too many houses, in America we made too many movies."



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When bands disband

► **Life after musical stardom:** What happens to band members when they leave music behind? ► **Some find great new careers, and some... well, don't**

Members of the now-former rock group R.E.M. will likely land on their feet.

But will it necessarily be in the music world?

Might construction be a better calling? How about health care?

According to research by Davis, Calif., pop music

authors Marti Smiley Childs and Jeff March, disbanded bandmates of the past have ended up in everything from landscap-

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► R.E.M. band members, Mike Mills, left, Michael Stipe and Peter Buck leave the stage, at the Live 8 concert in Hyde Park in London in 2005.

screaming fans at the Hollywood Bowl or Madison Square Garden.

The authors documented career changes in the lives of dozens of musicians from hit bands of the 1960s for their latest book, *Where Have All the Pop Stars Gone?*

Childs and March found many of these musicians

moved on to such widely divergent fields as financial services, manufacturing, agriculture, retail, and yes, construction and health care.

Reasons behind these changes typically included the physical, financial and family strains of the music business, the authors noted. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Zombies: chauffeur.

- Doug Ingle, *Iron Butterfly*: house painter.
- Vinnie Panariello, *Spiral Starecase*: car salesman.
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Looking for next 'fluke'

► Vancouver musician Dan Mangan releases followup to his breakout album *Nice, Nice, Very Nice*

A little over a year ago, Dan Mangan remembers playing a show in Norman, Okla., to a "crowd" — to use the term loosely — of about seven people.

As is typical of the genial Vancouver singer-songwriter, he cheerfully decided to interpret the sparsely attended gig as a timely break, and not as a humiliation. He had new songs swirling around in his brain that he hadn't had the chance to work through with his band, so the show morphed into a much-needed impromptu rehearsal.

"I thought: 'This is a perfect opportunity,'" Mangan said during a recent interview on a sunny Toronto patio. "You don't ever get a chance to rehearse on the road. ... So basically, I would just start playing a song that the band had never heard, and then they'd catch up."

And with that Mangan began to form the blueprint for *Oh Fortune*, which hits stores today.

Mangan was comfort-

ably ensconced in obscurity when he released his sophomore album, *Nice, Nice, Very Nice*, in August 2009. But that didn't last long.

A month after the record dropped, Mangan took artist of the year honours at the XM Verge Awards. The following May, he signed with the influential Canadian indie imprint Arts & Crafts, which re-released his album in North America. And that summer, Mangan's album was shortlisted for the Polaris Music Prize alongside Broken Social Scene, Tegan and Sara and eventual winners Karkwa.

And as a result, *Nice, Nice, Very Nice* wasn't a particularly easy act to follow. "On some level (with that album), we kind of fluked out because there wasn't that much pressure behind it. If it flopped, no one would have cared because no one knew who I was anyways," said Mangan. "There was a little more pressure this time around."

"So in that sense, there are people who are anticipating it. But I felt like if we just tried to take something that worked and do it again, it was going to end up being less honest and less good. And it's sort of like, if we fluked out before, maybe we can fluke out again."

And so Mangan changed course fairly drastically.

While *Nice, Nice* was very much a solo affair, *Oh*

Fortune was almost entirely crafted with Mangan's band present.

While Mangan acknowledges that the new record "isn't remotely singer-songwriter-y," he said that he didn't intentionally try to distance himself from his last album. "I'd like to say we weren't running from something so much as just aiming toward something," he said.

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► Dan Mangan's new album *Oh Fortune* hits stores today.

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Beyoncé not slowing down during pregnancy

Busy star promoting her new fragrance, Pulse

Now that Beyoncé is pregnant, there are certain smells that turn her stomach.

"My nose, I smell everything from a mile away," Beyoncé said during an interview with The Associated Press while wearing a long, flowing purple dress, her baby bump showing. "Usually it is food, it is onions or something that I just can't tolerate."

Her new fragrance is not one of them. Last week, Beyoncé was busy promoting Pulse, her third scent. For the creator of girl-power anthems like Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It) and Run the World (Girls), Pulse represents another extension of that theme.

Does pregnancy make you feel more empowered?
Absolutely. It is the most

"I think a woman's curves when she is pregnant are so beautiful. I don't want to get matronly, and I still find things that are sensual and feminine and funky."

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powerful creation for you to be able to have life growing inside of you. There is no bigger gift, nothing more empowering.

You have the fragrance, the clothing line, a husband, career and a baby on the way. What is next on your bucket list?

Balance. I am still working on balance and still grow-

ing. I am starting my company, my label. I want to create a boy band. I want to continue to produce and do documentaries and music videos. I eventually want to start directing for other artists. Once I know that I have my stuff together and I trust that, I can do it for other artists.

I see so many male artists building these empires and passing their knowledge on to other artists and development. I see myself doing the same thing and hopefully other younger artists when they grow up and they have been around for 15, 20 years, they can do the same thing.

What advice have you gotten from your mother and sister on motherhood?

I have the best examples around me because my sis-



► Beyoncé

woman, so I just pray that I have the same bond with my children, child.

Will the baby go everywhere with you?

Yes, I will probably be that way. I am sure I will. I think that it shouldn't stop you. I think of course my life is going to change, and I definitely will make sacrifices, but you know, I think I will be able to bring hopefully my little rider with me.

You are pregnant but work nonstop. How do you keep your energy up?

I think it is just passion. When you are excited about something, you don't have to think about your energy. It is natural and comes from adrenaline. It is important that I don't look at this as like an illness. I am not sick. I am the same woman and I have the same passions.

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DeGraw opens up about NY attack

► Not long after vicious beating, singer bounces back with optimism and a new album



There are no outward signs of the attack.

Singer Gavin DeGraw, 34 — who wrote I Don't Want to Be, the title song for One Tree Hill — was jumped by a group of men in New York in August.

Afterwards, bloodied and in the middle of the street, he got hit by a taxi.

Whether the incident has left deeper traces, he doesn't want to say when Metro meets him in Stockholm to talk about his latest album, Sweeter.

It happened when he was returning from the bar that he and a brother own.

"Walking home I met a couple of guys who said something to me. When I turned around they attacked me. It was something that happened that was a rough moment," says DeGraw.

"But as a New Yorker and an adult I always knew that there was a risk that you might at some point be a victim of that type of thing."

The evening ended

with him in an ambulance to the emergency room, with a broken nose and a concussion.

No one has been arrested for the attack but Gavin DeGraw refuses to let the incident influence his life.

"It would be a victory for the types of people who attacked me. For one bad night there are a thousand amazing nights so I would say that if that was a casino, the odds are very good. New York's casino is amazing, I would play there any day," he says.

On September 21, DeGraw released his new album Sweeter, which includes collaborations with One Republic frontman Ryan Tedder.

A lot of the songs are about love, but your own love life is secret. Why?

I don't divulge information about specifically who I date. I'm not looking to capitalize on who I'm dating, like some people do. Sometimes you see people in the tabloids always talking about who they are dating, and they are always dating someone famous. But that's

just like PR-stuff to me. That doesn't feel authentic.

But you are dating?

Yeah, of course, but I don't call my publicist to ask who to date to get in-

to the media. I ultimately want to find what is right for me.

I have to ask, do you always wear a hat?

Always, the shower though is a bit difficult,

but it's easier than doing my hair I think. Hair relies on the temperature and the humidity.

What is under my hat?
A beehive where I keep honey, for tea."

Facts

- Name: Gavin DeGraw
- Age: 34
- Lives: New York
- Family: Single
- News: Release of album



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Transformers:
Dark of the Moon
Genre: Action
Director: Michael Bay
Stars: Shia LaBeouf, Rose
Huntington-Whiteley, Tyrese
Gibson
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Picking the "best" of the three Transformers movies is like choosing

death by firing squad, shark mauling or being crushed by one of Wile E. Coyote's giant anvils.

On reflection, I'd choose the anvil drop, which is what the last 45 minutes of Transformers: Dark of the Moon feels like, as the good alien robots (Autobots) and bad alien robots (Decepticons)

turn Chicago into a scrapyard.

The overlong Transformers 3 is an improvement over the incomprehensible Transformers 2, which I'm still in therapy for, and the pokey original Transformers, which first turned these robot-changing Hasbro toy cars into multi-plex behemoths.

This latest eruption qualifies for "most revived franchise" status, if only because scripter Ehren Kruger, the guilty pen behind Transformers 2, has literally found the plot, any plot.

This one ludicrously connects the 1969 Apollo 11 moon landing with Transformers lore — Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin secretly discover a smashed Autobots spaceship on the moon's dark side — but at least it's a conspiracy theory we can follow.

The lunar find leads to our sweaty teen hero Sam Witwicky (Shia LaBeouf) being reluctantly dragged

yet again into the Autobots vs. Decepticons fray. But at least he has a new girlfriend to play with, in between explosions.

She's feisty rich girl Carly, played by Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, a former Victoria's Secret model. Carly easily fills the gap left by the departed Megan Fox, who was bounced for comparing Bay to Hitler.

Such happy simplicity doesn't extend to the rest of Transformers 3, which Bay and Kruger pack with so many excess characters, it's as if they wanted the cast to be as bloated as Bay's ego.

Transformers 3 also triples up on the comic relief, with two pairs of humans and one pair of robots offering dubious yuks. John Turturro's meddling FBI agent, which allows him to do his best Al Pacino imitation, now finds its distaff counterpart in Frances McDormand's snippy national intelligence director.

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Star Wars: The Complete Saga

Genre: Action
Director: George Lucas
Stars: Harrison Ford, Mark Hamill
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Can there possibly be any justification for buying George Lucas' creaking space opera yet again?

Yes and no. If you really want the very best sight and sound available for home systems, you need this Blu-ray package, which includes not only the sainted original trilogy that began in 1977, but also the damned prequel one that began in 1999.

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save your money.

The extras are bountiful, including scratchy (and brief) deleted and extended scenes from the original trilogy, which began with Star Wars in '77.

(It's now called Star Wars: Episode 4 — A New Hope under Lucas' loopy renaming system.)

If it all makes you chuckle, you might enjoy one of the real highlights of this package: 90 minutes of the many pop-cult parodies of Star Wars, ranging from The Simpsons to "Weird Al" Yankovic to Saturday Night Live.

Expect to be asked to buy these all over again, after Lucas rolls them all out on 3D. Bleh.

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Spielberg reunites with some old pals — dinosaurs

▶ Travel back in time and face-off with human-eating dinosaurs on the visual-effect heavy series, *Terra Nova*

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In the year 2149, humanity's only hope for survival on a dying Earth is to travel 85 million years in the past. The Shannon family is among the pilgrims sent back in time to resettle in the colony known as Terra Nova, where political strife threatens this second chance at civilization. But a splinter colony is nothing compared to the man-eating dinosaurs.

"We got a visual-effects team together that has literally created new technologies to make it possible," executive producer Brannon Braga says of making the dinos come to life week-to-week on the small screen.

"A lot of visual-effects houses that were approached about the project said, 'Can't be done. Not on time, not on the schedule you're looking for, no matter how much money you have,'" adds executive pro-

ducer Rene Echevarria. "Even five years ago, this show would not have been possible."

The pair credits advances in motion capture and new software for the effects wiz-

ardry. They've also got Steven Spielberg — who wowed audiences with cutting-edge special effects in *Jurassic Park* — on board as a producer. Remember the *Velociraptors*? Just wait 'til

you meet the Acceraptor. "The Slashers [the colonists' nickname for Acceraptors] that you see in hour two are spectacular," promises Echevarria. "They really represent the latest

paleontological thinking of what dinosaurs might have actually looked like. And you've never seen anything like them."

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▶ Steven Spielberg puts his imagination to work as a producer on *Terra Nova*.

TV pics



▶ Zoëy Deschanel

There's a new boy in TV town

BOY MEETS GIRL. Lamorne Morris joins Zoëy Deschanel and the rest of the cast of *New Girl* tonight as new roommate Winston.

Morris replaces Damon Wayans Jr., who played Coach in the pilot but returns to his other ensemble sitcom, *Happy Endings*, as it kicks off a second season Wednesday.

Morris plays a basketball player who returns from playing overseas and demands his old room back from Schmidt.

Meanwhile, Nick and Schmidt convince Jess to get her stuff out of her ex-boyfriend's apartment.

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Suspense is a killer on *Proof*

BODY OF PROOF. Megan gets herself kicked off of a murder investigation on *Body of Proof* when she openly accuses the victim's tycoon husband of committing the crime.

The killing took place during a family deer-hunting trip, so suspects abound — the man's ex-wife, Alexandra Loeb, had a clear financial motive, but his grown children are also identified as potential suspects.

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MJ's kids may take the stand

► Case into the death of the late singer is looming

Michael Jackson's two oldest children, Prince Michael and Paris, are reportedly eager to take the stand in the manslaughter case of Dr. Conrad Murray, the man accused of causing the pop star's death, according to Radar Online, but their grandmother, Katherine Jackson, is resisting the idea.

"She knows how traumatic it would be for them, but both Prince Michael and Paris have said they want to tell the jury what they saw on the day their father died," a source says, adding that Michael's sister, La Toya Jackson, isn't opposed to



the idea.

"La Toya has said it would be good for the children to 'get what is inside them out of them.' She feels it is a way for them to release the hurt. Above all

though, she believes her brother was murdered and what Prince Michael and Paris could tell the jury would inevitably help convict the doctor."

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Celebrity tweets



#India is beautiful, but some parts are very poverty stricken. Broke my heart to see babies sleeping on the streets



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You know you're getting older when you throw out your back while buttering scones.

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This is great I am actually losing followers. Lets get down to 1,000,000!



Wills just can wait to be king

Prince William, who is second in line to the British throne, admits its current occupier shows no signs of stepping aside, according to the Daily Mail.

"We do hint at taking some things off her, but she won't have anything of it," he says of his 85-year-old grandmother, the Queen of England.

"She'll want to hand over knowing she's

done everything she possibly could to help, and that she's got no regrets and no unfinished business."

As for his own future on the throne?

"As I'm flying along in my helicopter through the mountains of Wales, I try desperately hard not to think about it," says William, who is a rescue helicopter pilot.

"That can wait until I'm a bit older."

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Goodnight sun: why vitamin D is critical

► New study shows links between serious mental illness in kids and vitamin D deficiency



Vitamin D — the sunshine vitamin — got another thumbs-up recently.

A small study in Oregon found that children with serious mental illnesses are more likely to be deficient in vitamin D than children with good mental health. Researchers at the Oregon Health & Science University, led by Dr. Keith

Cheng, tested vitamin D levels in 67 children (ranging from seven to 17) in a psychiatric hospital. The children had illnesses including anxiety disorder, autism, disruptive disorder, mood disorder and psychotic disorder. They compared these to children in the general, healthy population.

Vitamin D deficiency was found in 21 per cent of the inpatients, compared with only 14 per cent in

healthy children. This is not enough evidence to say low vitamin D causes mental illness, but the subject is worthy of further study, said the authors.

This is a good reminder to Canadian parents that vitamin D is important, especially in the fall and winter months, when children get less sun. Recognizing this, the government has raised the recommended daily allowance (RDA) for chil-

dren.

"As we go into October 2011, I am thrilled that the RDA for children has gone up three-fold, compared to October last year," says Dr. Reinhold Vieth, director of the bone and mineral laboratory at Mount Sinai Hospital and a professor at the University of Toronto.

"Official government agencies are advising parents to provide children with 600 I.U. vitamin D as the average daily supply,

and I think that is excellent basic advice."

Vieth notes that Vitamin D helps prevent rickets and may lower the risk of influenza or allergy. Some research shows vitamin D boosts mood and reduces risk of depression.

"Modern lifestyles are generally sun-avoiding," he warns. "Of course there is also less vitamin D-forming UVB sunlight available the farther north one goes."

New study shows



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... drink a day was linked to greater overall health in older women in a study conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health. Women who had one a day at the age of 58 had a 20 per cent chance of "successful" ageing. ● METRO

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The truth about colonics

Despite the cost of about \$100 per session, many people swear by colon hydrotherapy as a way to lose weight and be healthier. But as our writer, Lesley Young,

found out, there are some myths — and some truths. Here are just a few:

Myth #1: "It prevents constipation." No, it doesn't. It can relieve it temporarily, but only when other routes, such as dietary changes, don't work.

Myth #2: "It helps you

lose weight." Any pounds that might be lost are gained back right after the procedure, as soon as you resume eating and drinking.

Myth #3: "It permanently rids us of bad bacteria." There's a balance of good and bad bacteria in our colon, and a colonic re-

moves both kinds temporarily. Then, both repopulate soon afterward.

For four more myths and truths about colonics, go to besthealthmag.ca and type in the search word "colonics."

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What did you feel on the 10th anniversary of 9-11? Were you overwhelmed? Tried to ignore it? Or did you find remembering that day cathartic? What are you feeling now, weeks later? Understanding your feelings may help you understand something as ambiguous as grief.

Traditionally, doctors have thought we all go through the "grief cycle," a classic model devised by psychiatrist Elisabeth Kübler Ross in the '60s.

She identified five stages of grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. We may all go through them, though at different speeds.

It gets more complicated when dealing with large-scale disasters. Those who suffered no direct trauma will have an easier time moving on with their lives while those directly affected (physically or emotionally) face a long road to recovery.

And sudden tragedies, like a tsunami or the recent mass shooting in Norway, take those affected by surprise, complicating the



► Grieving after the Norway attack.

grieving process. "We never get over a death or loss. We just learn to live life in a different way," says Dr. Heidi Horsley, a grief expert.

Normalizing your grief by speaking with others that have been through a similar experience will help you realize that feeling sad and out of control is OK.

Initially, denial is inevitable. It may even last forever. Horsley describes how after 9-11, many hoped their loved ones were walking around the

city with amnesia...until they had seen their remains.

George Bonnano, professor of clinical psychology at Columbia University in New York, says the most common response to extreme tragedy is resilience, with most people functioning relatively normally one month after the trauma.

"Being upset is how we cope with a tragic event, just like a fever is how we cope with infection," he says.

"Distress is our psychological fever, an indicator

that we are doing something to adapt."

Or as Horsley explains it, life moves on. "Grief comes at us in waves. Initially we hold on to the memory of a loved one and the pain longer than we ought to in fear that letting go means we have forgotten. Time goes by and life moves on. We live in a grief phobic society where there is little tolerance for grief over time."

Her prescription: "Life is a temporary state so live every day as though it were your last."

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“I survived the Norway shootings”

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Nearly two months on, he tells us how he's coping with his grief.

“It's been very hard to deal with what happened. I spent the first week in hospital where I was consumed by guilt. He had the opportunity to kill me several times and didn't — why did he spare me? Why did I survive and others didn't? Then I realized this was all up to one man and

“It's been very hard to deal with what happened. He had the opportunity to kill me — why did he spare me?”

ADRIAN PRACON



► As Norway has struggled to come to grips with the attack that rocked their nation, those who survived the attacks are doing the same. Thousands attended this memorial concert held in Norway in the weeks after.

that I couldn't blame myself.

I went back to work for the Youth Party the day after I was discharged, to try and lead my life as normal. I became more inspired by my work. I haven't been to see a psychologist; instead I've been having weekly

meetings with a ghostwriter. This is the time I allocate to self-analyze the attack. I feel no anger over what happened but distress. Understanding why he did this is impossible for someone with a sane mind.

My life is very much

back to normal except for when I enter a room — I scan it for an escape route. I function thanks to my family, friends, colleagues and my dog — walking him has helped keep me grounded. I see the other survivors almost every day — we understand each

other in a way friends and family can't.

Many of them had tattoos related to their survival, such as the date or a victims' name. I was shot in the shoulder at point blank range. I consider my scar as an involuntarily tat-

too. The gun shot also reduced the hearing in my left ear by 40 per cent. I get irritated when I don't hear what people say. I appreciate everything more now. We will never forget, just learn to live with it.”

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- ▶ This Riverdale diner offers up House-Cured Salmon and Duck Hash

LUNCH RUSH

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It's not even 1 p.m. and they've already run out of Chicken Salad. This

from a place with only five mains and three sides.

"Riverdale's Brunch Café" has one cook at the diner counter and one server, and when things go, they go. In fact, we got the last of the duck.

And there aren't many seats left either. Clearly a neighbourhood joint, this place is busy. With many writers and actors too — isn't that Dave Foley?

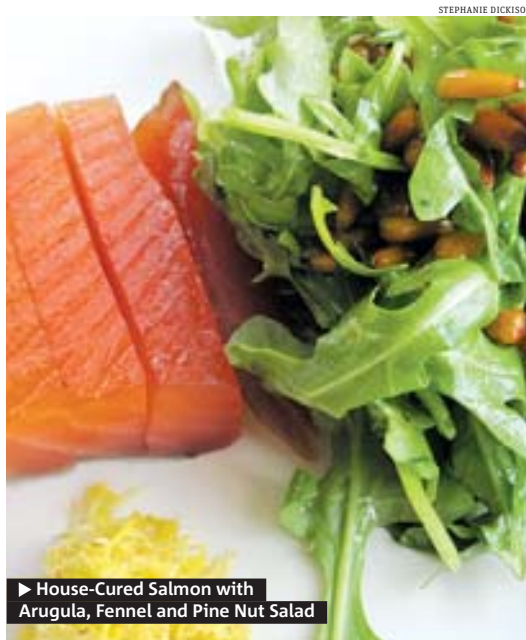
A bright yellow Bacon Omelette (\$11) arrives stuffed with crisp, meaty

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bacon, accompanied by a lightly dressed arugula and radish salad and dry toast.

House-Cured Salmon (\$13) comes with a spectacular arugula, fennel and pine nut salad, but the salmon's got a strange, hard consistency — perhaps it would be better if sliced thinly instead of in thick slabs.

A side of Duck Hash (\$6) inspires gluttony, but that's OK — it's just a side order.



▶ House-Cured Salmon with Arugula, Fennel and Pine Nut Salad

Almond Chocolate Chews

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Ingredients:

- 500 ml (2 cups) butterscotch chips
- 500 ml (2 cups) chocolate chips
- 250 ml (1 cup) raisins
- 250 ml (1 cup) cranberries
- 375 ml (1 ½ cups) salted pretzels, broken in half
- 500 ml (2 cups) whole almonds, dry roasted (or substitute whole almonds, salted)



Preparation:

1 In a large double boiler or large bowl over gently simmering water, melt butterscotch and chocolate chips for about 10 minutes.

2 Once melted, turn off heat. Add raisins, cranberries, pretzels and almonds. Gently stir, making sure no water

gets into the bowl.

3 Drop teaspoonfuls onto wax paper-lined cookie sheet.

4 Refrigerate until set, about 30 minutes. Makes 3 dozen.

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A tarragon twist on classic crème brûlée

Ingredients:

- 375 ml (1 ½ cups) whipping cream
- 125 ml (½ cup) buttermilk
- 125 ml (½ cup) granulated sugar, divided
- 5 ml (1 tsp) grated lemon zest
- 2 eggs
- 2 egg yolks
- 10 ml (2 tsp) vanilla

Tarragon Cream

- 125 ml (½ cup) 35% whipping cream

- 22 ml (1 ½ tbsp) liquid honey
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh tarragon
- 7 ml (1 ½ tsp) grated orange zest

Topping

- 75 ml (⅓ cup) sugar
- 375 ml (1 ½ cups) fresh blackberries or raspberries
- Fresh tarragon sprigs (optional)
- Fresh cracked black pepper (optional)

Crème Brûlée Preparation:

1 Preheat oven to 160 C (325 F). In a saucepan, combine cream, buttermilk, 50 ml (¼ cup) of the sugar and lemon zest; heat over medium heat until steaming. Then, in a heatproof bowl, whisk together 50 ml (¼ cup) of the sugar, eggs and egg yolks until pale. Gradually whisk in heated cream mixture in a slow steady stream; whisk in vanilla.

2 Strain through a fine-mesh sieve into a liquid measuring cup with a pouring spout. Pour evenly into six 175-ml (⅔-cup) or eight 125-ml (½-cup) ramekins or crème brûlée dishes.

3 Set ramekins in a roasting pan and place pan in oven. Pour in enough boiling water to come three-quarters up sides of ramekins. Bake for 35 to 40 minutes until tops are firm and centre is

slightly jiggly. Let cool on rack. Cover loosely and refrigerate for about 2 hours, until chilled, or up to 2 days.

4 Tarragon Cream: In a chilled bowl, using an electric mixer, whip until cream is thick. Beat in honey, tarragon and orange zest until soft peaks form; set aside.

5 Topping: Preheat broiler, if using. Blot top of custards dry with paper

towel. Sprinkle evenly with a thin layer of the remaining sugar, adding more if required. Broil on a baking sheet, rotating ramekins as necessary, or use a torch until sugar is bubbling and caramelized. Let cool for 3 minutes. Place blackberries or raspberries evenly on top and dollop with Tarragon Cream. Garnish each with a tarragon sprig and black pepper, if desired. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Dear Mr. Butler, I would value your opinion on a point of etiquette/respect. I'm in my mid-30s, but it has usually been my practice to rise when women enter or leave the room, or arrive at or leave the table during meals. The only real exception to this has been for very close friends and family who would be embarrassed by the gesture. How should I respond when a woman insists that this gesture of respect for their sex is unnecessary, that I remain seated? Also, should one dispense with the practice when the woman is constantly moving to and from the table or the

room, while serving dinner or otherwise going about her hostess duties? Aron

Dear Aron,

The custom of a gentleman standing every time a woman enters the room and/or stands at the table is rarely practised in today's modern world, but does remain common in formal social situations. Remember that etiquette is all about making others feel comfortable in social situations.

Therefore if a woman asks you to please stop standing for her, I would respect her request. It also is neither necessary nor appropriate to keep standing for a hostess who has to come and go from the table while she is serving her guests. Bravo for being a gentleman, and one thing I am absolutely sure about is that chivalry is not dead!

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► Don't forget: Etiquette is all about making others feel comfortable in social situations.

TIPS FOR A WINGMAN

Dear column people, My best friend's a tool when it comes to women, and I really don't get it. We're both decent-looking guys with good jobs and lots of confidence. To top it off, he's probably seen every pick-up video out there, but when it comes to talking to women, he can't close the deal. He tells me to hold him accountable when it comes to getting numbers, and when we're on the way to a club he'll keep talking about how psyched he is and how he'll do this or that, but once we get there, he just stands around and getting him to approach a woman is almost impossible. Any suggestions?

Andrea: Dear BFF,

It sounds like you're a pretty good wingman. Although holding him accountable, monitoring him, and pushing him can be helpful at first, continuously doing so will take away your effectiveness as a moti-

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vator.

Think about it: he keeps "failing" despite your pushing, and nothing happens.

Why should he change?

Try a different tactic: before going out, have him take out \$50 from his bank account and give it to you to hold on to (increase the amount if he's wealthy). If he gets a number that night, he gets it back. He does not get it back (don't spend it) until he gets a number. Call it a "date trust fund." Paying him will be a positive association with

getting girls' numbers and inaction will cost him. Let me know how it goes!

Claire: Dear Wingman,

There is a funny phenomenon that says we often react in contrast to those around us — in other words, your confidence might actually bring out his lack of confidence. I'm not saying that's the cause of his un-Romeo-ness, but maybe it's time for another approach. Maybe he should try dating online — it will give him more control over the situation. He can keep things light for as long as he likes, and use online chatting and emails to get to know the woman he eventually chooses to meet.

It will allow him to build his confidence, which seems to be lacking.

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When I was 21 I bought my first house. I'd worked hard over four years to squirrel away enough money for a small down payment. Before too long, however, I ran right into an extremely common trap: home poverty. Basically, all I could afford was my house! It took eight months for my monthly cash flow to 'level out' and finally feel like I had two nickels to rub together again.

Home poverty happens when after the mortgage, insurance and utilities are paid, there's little money left over for RRSP contributions, home maintenance, car repairs, vacations, etc. A

person's cash flow is further jolted with the initial costs of moving expenses, legal fees, closing costs, cleaning supplies and much more.

Avoid feeling house poor by preparing for home ownership well in advance of buying. Figure out what you can afford based on your current income, not what you hope your income will be in the future. Use online mortgage calculators (available through any bank) or talk to a mortgage broker.

If your credit score is in good shape, banks will approve a mortgage amount that translates into monthly housing payments (mortgage, insurance, taxes and heating combined) that are less than 32 per cent of your gross monthly income.

Just because you can qualify for a huge mortgage doesn't mean you should take one! Less debt almost always translates into less stress.

ON MONEY

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Jack, the three-year-old Warren Buffett wannabe, is in an investing mood now that he has a few thousand in his RESP.

Actually, truth be told, it's his Nana (me) who is hoping to channel him in this direction. But what should he (his parents) buy for his fledgling education account to ensure any post secondary studies are as debt-free as possible?

Last week I wrote about the issues parents face in **GIC rates are rock bottom low but still a good bet for education savings.**

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terms of savings choices. RESP? TFSA? RRSP?

Because the government tops up RESPs with a 20 per cent grant on the first \$2,500 contributed, I suggested his parents focus savings efforts here, at least until they achieve that \$2,500 mark to receive the maximum grant.

The other option is to contribute some to RESPs and some to RRSPs, then take the tax refund and plunk it in the RESP.

But how should they invest the money? Banks, where you open RESP accounts, want to sell mutual funds, most of which charge high fees.

Also, as we've seen with the latest incarnation of market volatility, equity (stock) mutual funds are offering little joy and much risk these days.

Let's say Jack persuades Mom and Dad to invest with the tortoise rather

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One complication is that most banks have a minimum GIC amount, usually \$5,000. But Jack can wait until he has that in his RESP before he directs his parents to buy a GIC and then roll it over annually with the additional contributions added in.

Another issue is rock bottom rates. Go for third party GICs offered by other



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financial institutions at your bank. Rates are higher, though the minimum investment might be also.

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Out for a nice quiet meal? Think again.

▶ Screaming babies, diners laughing at the top of their lungs — many of you are fed up with noisy restaurants

There's a rising din as more and more restaurant goers complain about the noise they must endure when dining out.

About two years ago, Toronto restaurant critic Gina Mallet was receiving emails and calls from her readers complaining about the cacophony in eateries.

For a time she mentioned noise levels in her weekly column but lately has dropped the service.

"I think the problem with a restaurant reviewer going on and on about it becomes troublesome because half the people who go to these restaurants don't care about the noise," Mallet says.

However, Moses Znaimer cares very much about the noise. The Toronto-based internationally known broadcaster and media pioneer has launched a national campaign to put the brakes on restaurants and



▶ Don't be that loud couple everyone loves to hate.

Dinner din

Audiologists offer some tips to ensure a quieter dining experience:

▶ Sit in tables in alcoves,

which provide a barricade against sound waves.

▶ Don't sit near large parties who tend to talk louder.
▶ Ask management to turn the music down, even if you get dirty looks.

their noise.

The Anti-Noise Pollution League, sponsored by his radio station The New Classical 96.3.1 FM, has received hundreds of emails and

phone calls from listeners across Canada either complaining about the racket in restaurants or recommending those which are more peaceful. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Tuition keeping students stressed: Poll

Survey shows 58 per cent of post-secondary students feel anxious or stressed when thinking about paying school fees

Greg Evans is no quitter. This fall marks the 26-year-old's second attempt to pay his way through university while balancing classes with work.

"Something in my life is going to suffer," he said. "My school work is definitely going to suffer, the quality of my life is going to suffer. The quality of my sleep and my health I'm sure are going to suffer."

It will be difficult for Evans, who grew up in the Niagara Region, to finance his education. But Evans would rather struggle for a couple of years than live the rest of his life from one paycheck to the next.

Evans first enrolled in classes at Toronto's Ryerson University in 2005 but dropped out after a year because he wasn't able to work enough hours to fund the venture.

While Evans' parents



▶ Balancing school and work can be tough, but it's something many students must do.

aren't able to cover his tuition, he says he doesn't qualify for a loan from the Ontario Student Assistance Program.

The public administra-

tion and governance major says that this time around, he's tackling school part-time so he can work, and is taking a student line of credit from the bank.

"My money's OK," said Evans. "But if I got sick for, let's say, a week or two, that would put a pretty big dent in my savings. I can't really afford to get sick if

I'm going to school again. I have to have a backup of some sort."

Many college and university students share Evans' worries.

According to a survey by TD Canada Trust, 45 per cent of parents who have kids eligible to start school haven't put money away.

A third of them say they'll only be able to cover less than 10 per cent of the cost. Another TD survey found that 58 per cent of post-secondary students feel stressed when they think about paying their way through school.

It's no surprise when you consider that, according to a 2010 Statistics Canada report, average student debt on graduation is \$18,800.

TD pegs the cost of school for students living away from home at a hefty \$80,000. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Start on savings

▶ Scott Plaskett, a certified financial planner from Toronto, suggests automating transactions to save a bit of money from every paycheck.

▶ He advises opening a Registered Education Savings Plan to attract cash from the federal government in the form of the Canada Education Savings Grant.

▶ To maximize every dollar, put money in a Registered Retirement Savings Plan, which can reduce income tax payments.

▶ Put your tax refund into an RESP. Plaskett says this kind of approach can help parents save for their children's education without sacrificing retirement plans. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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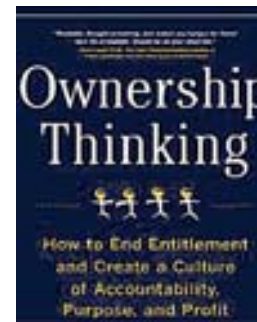


How much do you love your job? Let's assume that you work for a corporation with many employees

and ask yourself whether everyone in the organization shares a high level of engagement and commitment. Unfortunately that's a rather unlikely scenario.

Brad Ham, author of *Ownership Thinking*, suggests if workers behaved like they owned a piece of the company, their work style would change significantly, as would their level of job satisfaction.

Ham points to what he calls entitlement thinking. "Entitlement has become



more pervasive in our culture over the past few generations. It not only damages our economy and organizational productivity, but, ironically, it destroys self esteem."

Ham suggests that the mentality of business owners is focused on the health and wealth of the business where as employees focus on themselves.

While the owner is concerned about risk, competition, their employees, costs and profits, the average employee concerns themselves

with their paycheck, benefits, job security and getting their own work done. According to Ham, if companies can learn how to get employees to think about themselves and the concerns of the business, the rewards will be abundant.

"When employees are given the tools, information, and training to become more engaged in the business, the business will become more profitable — guaranteed."

Companies that don't practice the idea of ownership thinking are missing out. The average amount of unrealized profit (we call this profit that is "falling through the cracks") in small to medium sized companies, and across all industries, is approximately eight per cent."

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Perception can be a dangerous thing. Kevin Johnson was a good worker. He had not been given any warnings or notice that his performance was unsatisfactory.

In the spring of 2009, Johnson noticed he had not been called in for work. His roommate who worked for the same company had been called back but Johnson hadn't heard a thing.

When Johnson called in to find out what was going on he received an unexpected and painful surprise — his employer



► The weight of justice in the workplace can be a sensitive — and controversial — issue.

told him that because of his disability it would be too hard for him to work a long shift as he could not stand that long.

But Johnson didn't have a disability. He was overweight. Believing that this amounted to discrimination, Johnson filed a human rights complaint.

He testified at the recent hearing that he had weight problems when he

was hired and had gained weight over the course of his employment.

However, he had never submitted a request for accommodation and did not believe that his weight negatively affected his ability to carry out the duties of his job.

The core issue was that Johnson's employer believed that he had a physical disability, and treated him negatively because of

it. Human Rights legislation across the country protects not only against actual disabilities, but also perceived ones.

This means that all Johnson had to prove was that his employer perceived him to have a physical disability and treated him differently as a result.

In this case, Johnson's employer told him flat out that he was not being offered work because of what they thought was his disability.

This was a blatant violation of the human rights legislation and Johnson was awarded damages as a result.

Johnson's case is an important reminder to both employers and employees that what you see isn't always what you get.

In Johnson's case his employer's assumptions about his weight led directly to compensation.

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Sports in brief



1 Philadelphia Eagles coach Andy Reid said yesterday that a CT scan showed Michael Vick's injured right hand is bruised, not broken, as originally thought.

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2 The New Jersey Devils announced Scott Niedermayer's No. 27 will be retired Dec. 16.

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3 Italian club Virtus Bologna has clarified that its top offer to Los Angeles Laker Kobe Bryant is a one-year, \$5 million US deal.

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Guillen sent off with a win

BRIAN KERSEY/GETTY IMAGES



► Tyler Flowers connects on a three-run home run for the White Sox in Chicago last night.

► Outspoken White Sox manager released after game ► Jays must win final two games to finish above .500

In what turned out to be manager Ozzie Guillen's last game with the White Sox, Tyler Flowers hit a three-run homer, rookie Dylan Axelrod threw six shutout innings and the Chicago White Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-3 last night.

Guillen met with White Sox owner Jerry Reinsdorf yesterday. Before the game, Guillen said that he had repeated his request for a contract extension and expected Reinsdorf to take a couple of days to make a decision about his future. After the game, the club announced that Guillen had been released from his contract.

"We certainly cannot thank Ozzie enough for all he has done during his eight seasons as manager of the Chicago White Sox, highlighted by an unforgettable 2005 World Series championship," Reinsdorf said in a release issued by the team following last night's game.

Axelrod (1-0) won his first big-league game, striking out six and holding Toronto to three hits.

Sergio Santos got the last three outs to become the eighth White Sox pitcher to record 30 saves, picking up his first since Sept. 6. He allowed a two-run double to David Cooper in the ninth and walked Marcus Thames and Jose Bautista, but struck out Adam Lind with the bases



WHITE SOX

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The White Sox won for just the seventh time in their last 28 games against the Blue Jays.

loaded to end the game on his 44th pitch of the inning.

Toronto's Dustin McGowan (0-2) allowed four hits and three runs in four innings, leaving after throwing 73 pitches. McGowan has been limited to a strict pitch count as he works his way back from two shoulder surgeries.

Mike McCoy stole two bases and scored a run. Mark Teahen reached base three times in his first game against his former club.

Toronto needs to win the last two games of the series to finish the season with a winning record for the fifth time in six years.

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Rays pull into tie

in wild-card race



The Boston Red Sox found another way to lose, this time on a broken-bat single and an inside-the-park homer.

► Their 6-3 loss to the Baltimore Orioles last night dropped them into a tie in the AL wild-card race.

► Boston's 17th loss in 22 games enabled Tampa Bay to finally pull even in

the duel for the league's final playoff spot.

► Tampa Bay's James Shields came within one out of his 12th complete game, yielding six hits. Kyle Farnsworth clinched the 5-2 win over the New York Yankees for his 24th save,

► The Rays and Red Sox each have two games left.

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Crosby continues to move toward contact

Sidney Crosby believes he is getting closer to being cleared for contact.

The Pittsburgh Penguins' star was pleased after going through another trouble-free practice yesterday, a day after taking part in a scrimmage in which hits were banned.

"Obviously, the more good days you have, the

"Right now I feel good. When it's ready to get to that point (contact), I want to make sure I'm comfortable and confident."

SIDNEY CROSBY

nearer you get, and, hopefully, we'll get there short-

ly," said Crosby, who is recovering from a concussion.

Crosby, who hasn't played since Jan. 5, has not yet been officially ruled out for the Oct. 6 opener at Vancouver. However, it seems highly unlikely he will be ready by then as he has yet to take part in any contact work. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Sports in brief

NBA back at negotiating table today

NBA. A person familiar with the plans says representatives for NBA players and owners will meet today and perhaps tomorrow. The players' association cancelled a regional meeting with players so negotiators can meet with league officials

in New York instead, the person told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

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McKeon says he's done after final series

MLB. Florida Marlins manager Jack McKeon says he'll retire at the end of the season at age 80.

McKeon, the second-oldest manager in MLB history, made the announcement yesterday.

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Lombardi closes in on return

► Forward resumes full contact after concussion problems ► May join Leafs against Red Wings

Maple Leafs forward Matthew Lombardi hopes he'll be able to play in one of the team's final two exhibition games against the Detroit Red Wings this weekend.

"If it happens it happens, and I'd be really happy. But if it doesn't, it's not a negative," Lombardi, 29, said yesterday after practice at the MasterCard Centre. "If I'm not ready, I'll be ready a little later."

"I haven't just missed six weeks or a couple of months. It's been a full calendar year pretty much. I have to push myself and get to where these guys are. I have some things to prove. Nothing is automatic. You have to be ready to push yourself and get back to where you were. You have to work hard."

Lombardi's return to full contact was a key step.



► Leafs forward Matthew Lombardi during practice yesterday.

He missed all but the first two games of last season because of a concussion suffered while playing

with the Nashville Predators. He was acquired by the Leafs along with defenceman Cody Franson in

the off-season from the Predators.

If he recovers fully, he could have a dramatic ef-

Brown cleared

for contact

Also practising for the first time with full contact yesterday was injured winger Mike Brown.

► Brown's been out with a groin injury and could see some action against the Wings on the weekend.

fect on the Leafs' success. He's a centre who could also play left wing on any of Toronto's top three lines, kill penalties and work the power play.

"He's extremely fast up the middle. ... It's contagious," said captain Dion Phaneuf. "His speed and skill is really going to help our team when he's healthy."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

De Rosario takes MLS weekly nod

Dwayne De Rosario's historic hat trick has earned the Canadian midfielder player of the week honours in Major League Soccer.

The D.C. United midfielder recorded the fastest hat trick in MLS history against Real Salt Lake on Saturday, scoring in the 22nd, 27th and 31st minutes.

The 33-year-old Toronto native has an MLS-best 13 goals on the season.

The weekly award was De Rosario's third this season.

He's also the first player in United history to record two regular-season hat tricks in the same season. His first was on Aug. 6 versus his former club Toronto FC.

De Rosario has 10 goals and six assists in 13 MLS games since being acquired by D.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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brought back my luck and showed me the face of my enemy. I
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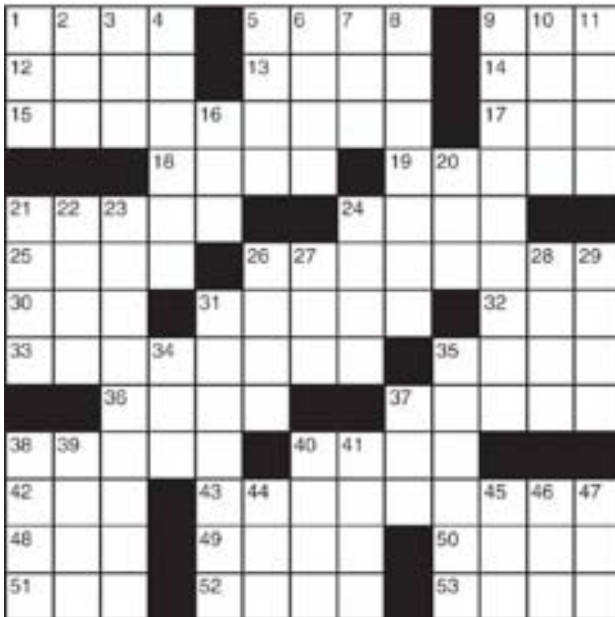
Crossword

Across

- 1 Sit and smile
- 5 Dandies
- 9 Cauldron
- 12 Windows alterna-
tive
- 13 Laugh-a-minute
- 14 Japanese sash
- 21 Stockholder's col-
lection
- 17 Disencumber
- 18 Tatters
- 19 Stylishly dressed
- 21 Settle a loan
- 24 Opulent
- 25 Love deity
- 26 They have lots to
sell
- 30 Melody
- 31 Hackneyed
- 32 Allow
- 33 Went back over
one's steps
- 35 Waiter's handout
- 36 Charged bits
- 37 Range rover?
- 38 Eighth Greek letter
- 40 Shipbuilding wood
- 42 Rowing need
- 43 Characterization
- 48 Hearty quaff
- 49 Ms. Brockovich
- 50 Comical Carvey
- 51 Two, in Tijuana
- 52 Old portico
- 53 "Agreed"

Down

- 1 Little pooch
- 2 John's Yoko
- 3 Knightly address
- 4 Crowd-scene actors
- 5 Kermit, for one
- 6 Artworks

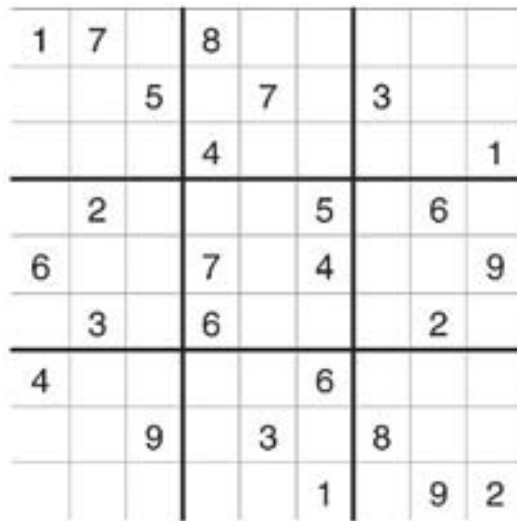


- 7 Luau bowlful
- 8 Without expression
- 9 Ship's windows
- 10 Last writes?
- 11 Neat
- 16 Wray of "King
Kong"
- 20 Performance
- 21 Caboose's place
- 22 A Great Lake
- 23 Doorway curtains
- 24 McNally's partner
- 26 Mythical birds
- 27 Before
- 28 Nevada city
- 29 Dazzle
- 31 Appetizers
- 34 Decay
- 35 Japanese emperor
of yore
- 37 Prohibit
- 38 5-Down's cousin
- 39 Head light?
- 40 Small combo
- 41 Sicilian volcano
- 44 Table scrap
- 45 Talk on and on
- 46 "Ugly Betty" ac-
tress Ortiz
- 47 Deposit

► Yesterday's answer



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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Stop trying to control each and every situation you find yourself in and let fate take its course.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Try to take things a bit easier on the work front. Slow down.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Be fair in the way you deal with other people and always try to help them get the best from whatever situations you are jointly involved in.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 If you can remember that some people are emotional and easily hurt then

you won't go far wrong today.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23 If you can get away from the daily grind you should do so.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24-Sept. 22 Go with the flow and let events work themselves out in their own way and time.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 There is a new moon in your sign today, so you won't have any trouble getting what you want.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Don't be afraid to take advantage of a business or financial opportunity that pops up out of nowhere.

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♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

You will be amazed how easily and you get things done today.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

The best way to deal with your problems is to pretend they do not exist.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Today's new moon in Libra makes this the ideal time to clarify your life goals.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20.

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